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of

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

—1960—

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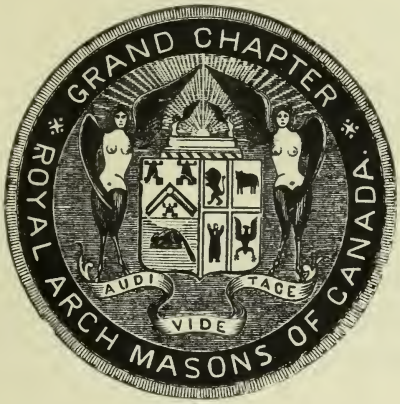

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TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 and 13

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Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved

BRUCE H. SMITH,
Grand Z.
169 Dufferin Ave.
BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO

MAURICE A. SEARLE
Grand Scribe E.
TORONTO, ONTARIO

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH...

BRUCE HARRISON SMITH

Most Excellent Grand First Princ'pal

Born—

Millbridge, Ontario, 8th May, 1904.

Parents—

Frederick and Elizabeth.

Married—

September 6, 1936.
Wife's name: Helen Neta. One son, Frederick, a student at Albert College, Belleville, Ontario.

Religion—

Baptist.

Business—

For the past twenty years he has owned and operated his own business in Belleville, the Uptown Tire & Battery Company. A few years ago he opened a branch store at Marmora, Ontario.

Civic Activities—

Alderman for the City of Belleville for the years 1952-3-4-5; became a member of the Moira River Conservation Authority in 1953 and later chairman from 1955 to 1959.
For many years he took a very active interests in sports—baseball, hockey, Past President of the Fish and Game Association of Belleville and District.

Masonic Record

Initiated, Passed and Raised in Eureka Lodge, No. 283, A.F. & A.M., September 13, 1933, Belleville. Charter Member of Temple Lodge, No. 666, Belleville. Exalted in Quinte Friendship Chapter, No. 227, G.R.C., April 23, 1935, Belleville. Became First Principal 1946; elected Grand Scribe N. 1947; elected to the Grand Executive Committee 1949 to 1956, elected Grand H. 1957-58, and Grand First Principal Z. April 29, 1959. His has been a very active life in Royal Arch Masonry. He is the Grand Chapter Representative for the District of Columbia; also a Life Member of St. George's Chapter, No. 5, London, Ontario, and a Charter Member of Centennial Chapter, No. 260, Streetsville, Ontario; also a Member of the Order of High Priesthood of Ontario, Member of King Baldwin Preceptory, No. 6, Belleville, Member of Rameses Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Member of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario, Zabud Council, No. 15, Belleville.

In addition to our Grand Z.'s Masonic activities stated above, he is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Masonic Temple Corporation of Belleville, and took a large part in the construction of this splendid building.

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS
M. Ex. Comp. Eugene P. Carver Jr., Grand High Priest.

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MICHIGAN
M. Ex. Comp. William A. Hudson, M.D., Grand High Priest.

THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF ILLINOIS
Rt. Ex. Comp. Robert M. Diebold, Grand King, representing M. E. Comp. Mark C. Morgan, G.H.P.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK ROYAL ARCH MASONS
M. Ex. Comp. Clarence F. Grabb, Grand High Priest.
M. Ex. Comp. Wright J. Burley, P.G.H.P.
R. Ex. Comp. Clifford A. McDonald, our Grand Representative.
R. Ex. Comp. Charles Wilson.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF OHIO
M. Ex. Comp. James A. Gorham, P.G.H.P. and our Grand Representative.

THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA
Comp. John R. Asher, M. Ex. Grand High Priest.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS IN VIRGINIA
M. Ex. Comp. John C. Parker, Grand High Priest.

THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF QUEBEC
M. Ex. Comp. H. Wall Clarke, Grand First Principal.
M. Ex. Comp. Arthur Osgood, Past Grand First Principal.
Most Ex. Comp. J. H. A. Morecraft, Past Grand First Principal.

GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD OF ONTARIO
R. Ex. Comp. Charles Fotheringham, M. Ex. Grand President.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS OF ONTARIO
R. Ex. Comp. P. S. Jannison, M. Ill. Grand Master.

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
R. Ex. Comp. Joseph W. Carson, Grand Master.

MASONIC AND MILITARY ORDER OF KNIGHTS OF THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE
Rt. Ex. Comp. Andrew F. Tannahill, representing M. Ill. Grand Sovereign William G. Scott.

SUPREME COUNCIL 33° ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY FOR THE DOMINION OF CANADA
M. Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts, Past Sovereign Grand Commander.

GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M. OF CANADA IN PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
M. Wor. Bro. and M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts, Grand Master
R. Wor. Bro. and Comp. Ewart G. Dixon, Grand Secretary

Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith, Grand Z., extended a warm, friendly, and cordial welcome to all of his guests. He also announced to all Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, and properly vouched for, a warm welcome during the Convocation.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

By the Grand Chaplain, R. Ex. Comp. Rev. Alexander K. Campbell.
Soloist, Comp. Val Taylor; Organist, Comp. R. Pannebacker.
The delegates joined in singing "God Save the Queen," "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

INVOCATION

Eternal God, Giver of all grace, from whom every good prayer cometh, and who pourest out upon all who seek Thee the spirit of grace and supplication, grant unto this convocation Thy blessing and Thy guidance in all our deliberations. May all works begun, continued and ended in Thee, be in accordance with Thy Divine will and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name. Amen.

MEMORIAL MESSAGE

"You are come into the city of the living God, and to an innumerable company, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect." Heb. 12: 22-23.

Is it not a wonderful thing to belong to such a Royal Craft as ours? To know that each one of us is not a solitary soul out on a lonesome adventure, but that we are one huge company of Companions! Surely the feeling of other shoulders touching ours, as they make their way to the same far-off goal and glorious ideals, heartens us.

Indeed, these frail, blundering souls of ours are helped upon their way immeasurably by those who have gone before us. We do not have to cut a slow path through virgin country, but can advance quickly today with ease, because other Companions with painful toil have worn a clear highway for us. We do not have to start at the beginning of things or near it, because others have made discoveries which have been handed down to us and seem commonplace. We do not have to find big things for ourselves; just open our eyes and they are there, left us as an inheritance,

How can we thank the Companions of former years who daringly took the tremendous promises of faith into their hands, and had the audacity to risk their whole future and reputation upon the establishment and maintenance of this Genteel Craft, to hand on to us the glorious traditions we now enjoy? What do we not owe to them?

Has the loss of them been a loss indeed? Have we learned nothing from their having lived and died? Has the corn of wheat, fallen into the earth, although it died, remained alone and brought forth no harvest in our lives? Unless this is an inspiration, a compulsion to us to put the same unselfishness in the living of our lives, the facing of our problems and thinking out the difficulties of our times, has it not largely failed? The one effective remembrance of them is to catch their spirit in our thoughts, our homes, our business, our treatment of the Companions in our Chapters, to hand on the same kind of zeal they had in building holiness to the Lord in active faith!

What is the passing of a gush of feeling, and some cheap emotion? If we would remember them, then let us catch their love of Masonry and live our lives in their same generous manner, proving that it has made a difference, and that because they died loving the Craft and us, we are nobler, with better understanding how life should be lived and spent.

We who are living, and members of this Grand Chapter, are merely the rear ranks of a vast procession of Companions, winding its way toward the Eternal City, whose builder and founder is God. And if we are yet, still in the shadow, LOOK YONDER, how they pass into the glory of the Light of Home! They have attained; their hands are on the goal; for them the promises, even the best of them, have come true.

Until some great loss comes to us we do not think much about the dead. We are far too busy with this fascinating world. Their day is over; ours is still here. But the Heavenly Grand First Principal of us all is too wise to let them slip from our minds, for when Death speaks, there is an instant hush in our hearts; everything else is stilled that we may listen, teaching that which we do not wholly forget—some discipline of spirit, learning obedience from the things we have suffered, some bewildered understanding of the unutterable tenderness and mercy of God. And breaking into our mortal minds comes the whisper of the voice of Faith—

There are no dead. Thus we believe. Thus we affirm. And thus we are certain that we too are slowly but surely drawing near the City of God, and to the spirits of just men made perfect. In this hope we bury our dead, sure of the inextinguishable hope of man. So mote it be, Lord, so mote it be!

Lighting of a single candle in a silver candlestick on the pedestal.

MEMORIAL PRAYER

Eternal God, Supreme Commander of us all, to Whom the ranks of life report, we bow before Thee with reverent hearts and in sublime faith knowing Thou dost ever lead us. Since our last convocation Thou hast called many Companions beyond the twilight and evening star, where beauty and valour and goodness dwell forever. Mindful of service nobly done, Thou hast called them to everlasting rest. Thou hast sealed their lips. With the faded blossoms of springtime and withered leaves of autumn Thou hast called them to Eternal Peace, to the land of Thy silent mystery.

Thou art Life and Light and Love. From the beginning Thou dost summon life and, after its eclipse, Thou dost light the darkness with the stars. So much dost Thou love us that Thou hast lent us to the earth for a season. Remember those from whose path in life flowers have faded and song has ceased and to whom life seems but a weary, joyless road. Touch their tired hearts with healing. Out of their darkness and gloom lead them into light and hope and joy. Protect them with Thy holy care. Keep clear and bright in our memory the splendid flames that have flickered out and shelter us with Thy compassion.

Accept the pledge of our hearts and increase the purpose of our souls. Draw for us from the departed increased devotion to the best and noblest things in life. May we, who cannot see Thee with the eye of flesh, behold Thee steadfastly with the eye of faith that we may not faint under the manifold trials and temptations of this moral life but endure, as seeing Thee who art invisible and grant that having fulfilled Thy will upon earth we may behold Thy face in heaven and be made partakers of those things Thou hast promised. Hear us, O God, Thou King Eternal, immortal and invisible, the blessed and only Potentate, to whom we ascribe all gory and praise forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn—"Nearer My God to Thee."

EXTINGUISHING THE LIGHT

"We extinguish the light to symbolize the passing of our Companions."

A period of silence.

Grand First Principal—So mote it be.

PRESENTATION OF LIVING PAST GRAND Z's

The Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith, requested the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V. Ex. Comp. M. S. Clarke, to present the living Past Grand Z's. The following were present:

M. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, Q.C., Grand Z., 1943-1944.
M. Ex. Comp. Frederick W. Dean, Grand Z., 1947-1948.
M. Ex. Comp. Clarence McL. Pitts, Grand Z., 1949-1950.
M. Ex. Comp. Alexander G. N. Bradshaw, Grand Z., 1951-1952.
M. Ex. Comp. John L. House, Grand Z., 1955-1956.
M. Ex. Comp. Melville S. Gooderham, Hon. Grand Z., 1957.
M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle, Grand Z., 1957-59.

M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith Smith extended a very sincere and cordial welcome to the Past Grand Z's and Grand Honours were accorded.

M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean spoke on behalf of the Grand Z's.

TORONTO DISTRICTS EXTEND WELCOME

THE 102nd ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Bruce Harrison Smith, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Clarence McLeod Pitts, of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, distinguished guests from Sister Grand Jurisdictions in Canada and the United States of America and representatives from other Masonic Orders, we the Companions of Toronto District No. 8 and No. 8A extend to you a sincere welcome and fraternal greeting on the occasion of this One Hundred and Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

It is indeed an honour to have the privilege of welcoming our Grand Chapter on its Annual Convocation to the City of Toronto. We pray that the Great Jehovah will guide and direct you in your deliberations, that these deliberations will prove fruitful and beneficial to our Order and that the spirit of harmony and unanimity will prevail.

To you, Most Excellent Sir, we would express our appreciation for the magnificent contribution that you have made to Royal Arch Masonry. You have given freely of your time and talents to further the cause of Capitular Masonry and in so doing have earned for yourself the respect and admiration of your Companions throughout this jurisdiction. You have been ever mindful of the responsibilities of your high and important office and have thereby merited the confidence reposed in you. The manner in which you have fulfilled your obligations have enhanced the reputation of this Grand Jurisdiction and have set an example for others to emulate.

It has been therefore a privilege, of which we are humbly grateful, to have had the honour of serving under your leadership. It is our sincere wish that the second year of your term of office will be one of continued success and that the Most High will bless you with many years in which to continue to serve the Royal Craft.

As a tangible expression of our affection, Most Excellent Sir, the First Principals of Toronto Districts No. 8 and 8A for the years 1959 and 1960 ask you to accept this token of our appreciation and deepest gratitude.

Presented on behalf of the Royal Arch Chapters of Toronto Districts No. 8 and 8A this 12th day of April, Anno Inventionis 2490, Anno Domini 1960.

DISTRICT No. 8

1959	1960
St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4	
H. A. Sayers	G. A. Rider
King Solomon's, No. 8	
J. Keillor	R. Willmot
York, No. 62	
A. H. Gray	H. J. C. Sinclair
St. Paul's, No. 65	
W. Yarmey	W. P. Gruer
Orient, No. 79	
H. F. Myers	L. Hyatt
Succoth, No. 135	
C. G. Armstrong	E. C. Croxall
The St. Patrick, No. 145	
B. F. Forward	I. C. Skudder
The Beaches, No. 163	
W. E. Bath	D. C. Armstrong
Victoria, No. 205	
D. E. Allen	H. Hinchley
St. Alban's, No. 217	
A. O. Murray	W. J. M. Lloyd
Beaver, No. 225	
F. C. Alley	J. T. Wallace
Aurora, No. 235	
G. H. Bunt	C. Allan
University, No. 241	
O. R. Roberts	J. E. Young
Tyrian, No. 258	
C. A. Vanzant	J. J. Mehaffey

F. W. D. Welham,
Grand Superintendent,
Toronto East District, No. 8
J. Broadfoot,
Secretary

DISTRICT No. 8A

1959	1960
Occident, No. 77	
M. Holditch	P. Helm
Toronto-Antiquity, No. 91	
H. Plunkett	G. Wood
Shekinah, No. 138	
B. W. Spencer	P. James
Peel, No. 195	
J. McFarlane	J. Lamb
Mount Sinai, No. 212	
S. S. Bederman	L. Ritter
Mimico, No. 215	
W. B. Angst	S. Kennedy
Ulster, No. 219	
C. B. Ibbotson	A. H. S. Adams
Lebanon, No. 220	
A. R. McDougall	S. J. Smith
Port Credit, No. 230	
K. Denison	J. I. Parke
The St. Clair, No. 231	
A. W. Johnson	J. M. Yates
King Cyrus, No. 232	
A. G. Sullivan	J. S. Cobb
Oakwood, No. 233	
B. Alford	B. Taylor
Humber, No. 246	
D. Bremner	H. Banks
Centennial, No. 260	
J. H. McClure	A. R. McDougall

A. F. Nisbet,
Grand Superintendent,
Toronto West District, No. 8A
R. Cruise,
Secretary

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the Proceedings of the One Hundredth and First Annual Convacation, held in the city of Toronto, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay.

Resolved—"That as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held Tuesday and Wednesday, April 28 and 29, 1959, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction, the recorded Minutes be considered as read, and the same is now confirmed."

ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, and seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay, and—

Resolved—"That the Order of Business of this Grand Convocation be changed at the discretion of the Grand Z."

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

R. Ex. Comp. James W. Woodland, Chairman of the Credentials Committee reported that there are 157 Warranted Chapters on the Rolls of Grand Chapter of which Chapters were represented by the following:

Chapters

No. 1—W. A. Sutherland, Z.; H. J. Milner, T. N. Clarke, L. N. Armstrong, T. H. L. Payne, P.Z.'s.

No. 2—A. Fuller, Z.; H. C. H. Rose, H.; E. M. Marshall, D. Horne, R. J. Cocks, P.Z.'s.
No. 3—W. H. Parker, Proxy; R. W. Coon, H. T. Down, P.Z.'s.
No. 4—G. A. Rider, Z.; O. B. Dickinson, H.; C. J. Shibley, J.; H. A. Sayers, R. N. McElhinney, V. L. Mutton, C. F. Tye, P.Z.'s.
No. 5—S. Pedersen, Z.; J. A. Kennedy, L. N. Allen, A. W. Ayre, P.Z.'s.
No. 6—F. Scott, Proxy, P.Z.
No. 7—E. Grey, Z.; E. C. Wood, H. E. Payne, A. W. Haggar, F. W. Hodgen, H. T. Adams, J. L. Diamond, P.Z's.
No. 8—R. Willmot, Z.; W. Dobinson, H.; S. Burscough, J.; A. L. Tinker, D. Reid, G. McConnell, S. Sleeman, H. Carr, W. Holywell, A. Otis, E. M. Woolcock, F. J. Johnson, A. Lewis, S. F. Hutchinson, J. Keillor, P.Z's.
No. 15—J. Morrison, Z.; L. C. Ewener, A. W. Jordon, R. A. Hamilton, H. R. Marriott, W. S. Squire, P.Z's.
No. 16—C. Vickers, Z.; N. Bright, L. Gillespie, F. G. Smith, P.Z's.
No. 18—R. J. Lawrence, Z.; R. B. Town, H.; R. E. Thurlow, A. Wishart, G. L. Nutt, J. Hibner, P.Z's.
No. 19—C. M. Porter, P.Z.
No. 20—C. R. Simpson, Z.; A. W. Cox, J.; R. W. McFadden, A. MacGregor, E. L. Townson, A. T. Baker, P.Z's.
No. 22—W. H. Whitney, Z.; J. C. Sim, P.Z.
No. 23—K. C. Bannister, Z.
No. 24—E. Huggins, Z.; R. H. Davis, C. S. Atkins, J. A. Swatridge, P.Z's.
No. 26—N. M. Sprague, C. H. Kinnear, P.Z's.
No. 27—L. A. Browning, Z.; R. A. Barker, F. C. Melton, B. M. Conron, P.Z's.
No. 28—G. H. Taylor, Z.; W. F. Boorman, H.; F. L. Smale, J.; W. E. McKinstry, W. L. Houston, N. W. Purdy, P.Z's.
No. 29—O. M. Krick, Proxy; F. R. Martin, R. S. Ash, E. C. McCullagh, P.Z's.
No. 30—C. F. Laithwaite, Proxy; H. Hill, W. H. Roope, W. Ross, R. Bradford, R. Bisset, P.Z's.
No. 31—B. Wager, Z.; L. Hagerman, H.,; E. R. Hodgson, F. R. Greatrex, H. Alder, E. Huff, P.Z's.
No. 32—F. C. Ackert, T. Forrester, D. J. Marriott, P.Z's.
No. 34—G. A. R. Cowan, Z.; R. A. Stewart, H. E. McCullough, H. J. Lougheed, P.Z's.
No. 35—J. E. Sanderson, Z.; S. G. Smith, H.; W. P. Price, J.; R. McNee, P.Z.
No. 36—R. Mathews, Z.; J. W. Morrison, H.; R. K. Burns, J.; J. E. Girven, W. E. Bannon, B. H. Pammett, A. W. Watkins, P.Z's.
No. 37—W. J. B. Jarvis, Z.; K. Stevenson, H.; W. H. Meldrum, C. P. McElroy, E. J. Barrowclough, H. Inch, E. J. McKeever, P.Z's.
No. 40—M. H. Bauer, Z.; C. E. Morgan, J. W. Frey, J. A. Robertson, W. J. Van Norman, P.Z's.
No. 41—G. Wright, Z.; I. D. Baskitt, H.; J. Edgill, J.; E. A. Webber, L. L. Mansfield, P. V. L. Pidolin, H. Nagle, P.Z's.
No. 44—A. V. Roy, D. R. Sharp, P.Z's.
No. 45—A. Wolfrain, Proxy; J. A. Page, P.Z's.
No. 46—H. Sparling, J.; A. K. Campbell, D. C. White, P.Z's.
No. 47—R. Ford, Z.; L. H. Veale, G. Ford, P.Z's.
No. 48—H. Rawcliffe, Z.; A. W. Robertson, H.; E. J. Wood, J.; F. L. Searancke, W. Baker, J. A. Kernaghan, P.Z's.
No. 54—W. Cowie, Proxy, P.Z.
No. 55—J. Gordon, Z.; J. Hutchinson, H.; C. A. Larson, P.Z.
No. 56—J. R. Garen, Z.; G. S. Matthias, H.; J. G. Cruickshank, J. E. Taylor, P.Z's.

No. 57—L. D. Winn, Proxy P.Z.

No. 59—G. R. Sawyer, Z.; J. A. Greer, P.Z.

No. 62—H. J. C. Sinclair, Z.; J. Hood, J.; C. M. Platten, A. H. Gray, G. A. Cooper, W. J. Grierson, D. Young, J. Shield, P.Z's.

No. 63—G. S. Emerson, Z.; H. J. Norman, M. W. McGaw, C. O. Bridge, P.Z's.

No. 64—R. H. Dillmarter, Z.; J. C. McKeand, H.; C. E. Griffin, E. C. Hudon, J. E. Nelson, E. A. Lee, P.Z's.

No. 65—W. P. Gruer, Z.; J. Boehm, H.; M. S. Gooderham, H. G. Robb, C. C. Wilmer, C. B. Parker, P.Z's.

No. 66—O. G. Oke, J.; M. Clarke, A. Corby, J. B. Higgins, J. W. Crick, J. Back, P.Z's.

No. 67—L. E. Morphy, Proxy; J. F. Edwards, D. A. Cox, H. F. Wismer, A. Schneider, F. B. Johnson, P.Z's.

No. 68—F. Mohr, Z.; G. J. Purcell, P.Z.

No. 69—G. B. Lypsitt, Proxy; R. Cloughley, P.Z.'s.

No. 71—J. Muxworthy, Z.; E. Watt, H.; R. McCagherty, J.; T. Weaver, B. Smith, R. C. Brushett, P.Z's.

No. 72—I. Caldwell, W. Warren, B. Woodbeck, P.Z's.

No. 73—F. Yardley, H.; P. L. Lalonde, A. W. Overfield, P.Z's.

No. 74—A. W. Holt, Proxy, P.Z.

No. 75—C. G. Lewington, Z.; J. C. Cunningham, E. Harrop, P.Z's.

No. 76—C. H. Sheppard, Proxy; J. H. Hughes, G. E. French, C. L. Dill, P.Z's.

No. 77—P. Helm, Z.; C. Aikins, H.; J. Dobson, J.; H. B. Hopkinson, M. S. Clark, F. Wratten, A. Green, J. M. Burden, C. W. Emmett, W. Shearer, A. R. Cripps, J. A. Prince, E. K. Hogaboom, S. E. Solley, S. Bustard, H. Smith, P.Z's.

No. 78—W. Wein, Z.; C. A. McGregor, R. Ratz, P.Z's.

No. 79—W. L. Hyatt, Z.; A. E. O'Halloran, H.; G. Jones, L. L. Querie, L. Bramwell, J. A. Hearn, A. O. Cook, A. J. R. Noxon, H. F. Myers, P.Z's.

No. 80—A. D. Bates, Proxy; W. E. Treganza, C. S. King, P.Z's.

No. 81—H. P. Grant, Proxy, P.Z.

No. 82—W. H. Cheetham, Z.

No. 83—W. Gillespie, Z.; W. E. Watson, J.; A. Gillespie, D. Van Norman, P.Z's.

No. 84—A. Corrigan, Z.; E. S. Gauley, P.Z.

No. 88—E. H. Logan, Proxy; H. M. Dunlop, P.Z's.

No. 90—A. Barclay, Proxy, P.Z.

No. 91—G. G. Wood, Z.; L. W. L. Dixon, H.; W. Hillis, J.; J. Bailey, A. Geary, J. C. D. Short, C. Howes, A. F. Tannahill, W. J. Stewart, A. A. Kitchen, P.Z's.

No. 94—J. F. McIsaac, Z.; G. McCombe, L. A. Gilkinson, P.Z's.

No. 95—E. Smith, Z.; G. Shute, W. McKee, P.Z's.

No. 102—H. W. Brumby, Z.; W. E. Davey, P. S. Jannison, W. J. Hazlewood, P.Z's.

No. 103—A. S. Haley, Proxy; H. E. Ward, P.Z's.

No. 104—W. S. Thomson, Z.; E. J. Flippance, H.; S. Porch, J. A. R. Shaw, C. T. Sherry, G. K. Brown, B. H. Barrett, W. G. Russell, P.Z's.

No. 110—H. S. Ewing, Proxy; W. J. Newman, P.Z's.

No. 112—G. W. Gorrell, Z.

No. 113—G. E. McCutcheon, Proxy, P.Z.

No. 114—H. W. Mayhew, R. F. Fraser, P.Z's.

No. 115—R. W. McKenzie, Z.; O. Fleming, J.; C. R. Burton, W. W. Tough, R. C. Walker, C. W. Spicer, P.Z's.

No. 116—J. C. Saunders, J.; W. H. Edwards, P.Z.

No. 117—T. R. Williams, Z.; G. Braley, J.; G. H. Shannon, A. Mason, A. Shoemaker, W. N. Hemphill, F. Hoodless, W. R. Cooper, W. E. James, W. J. Leach, P.Z's.

No. 119—D. A. Robinson, Z.; F. Hilton, H.; A. S. Cree, J. A. McIntyre, E. H. Brennan, A. Cresswell, G. Bloomfield, B. M. White, R. C. Overholt, R. A. Willett, P.Z's.

No. 130—F. Wrightson, Proxy, P.Z.

No. 131—P. Spears, Z.; R. Keene, H.; K. Hopkinson, J.

No. 132—W. A. Trickey, Z.; L. W. Moxley, J.

No. 133—J. J. Carpenter, Proxy; G. A. Phillips, P.Z's.

No. 134—E. L. Jackson, Proxy; L. G. Parliament, P.Z's.

No. 135—T. C. Croxall, Z.; H. B. Watson, P.Z.

No. 138—P. James, Z.; H. W. Clark, H.; R. Pannabecker, J.; B. W. Spencer, C. V. Elliott, H. O. Hughes, E. H. Hughes, J. R. Todd, R. R. Parsons, H. J. Huggins, J. Benson, R. Ackerman, C. E. Rich, C. E. Wells, P.Z's.

No. 140—J. E. Forester, P.Z.

No. 144—K. A. McQuoid, P.Z.

No. 145—I. G. Skudder, Z.; J. Woodward, J.; J. R. Tompkins, W. C. Johnston, J. R. Legecy, L. B. Morrison, W. A. Pomeroy, J. A. Martin, R. J. Lewis, M. A. Searle, P. W. Rogers, D. P. Collins, E. E. Reid, P.Z's.

No. 146—W. H. Sargent, Proxy; F. Hay, S. L. Bartja, P.Z.'s.

No. 147—R. Simpson, Z.; J. Boyle, K. Cameron, P.Z's.

No. 149—R. S. L. Newman, Proxy, P.Z.

No. 150—J. E. Worrall, Z.; W. E. Boyle, H.; A. W. Burgess, J.; D. A. McDonald, A. G. N. Bradshaw, J. W. Carson, J. B. Carson, J. Bell, M. A. Doupe, J. N. Duffy.

No. 151—H. T. Hale, Z.; J. E. Brown, H.

No. 152—I. W. Smith, Proxy; S. R. L. Newman, P.Z's.

No. 153—G. A. Lauzon, Z.; W. H. Colwell, E. K. Rupert, J. Burnett, T. L. MacNally, P.Z's.

No. 155—A. S. Martin, Proxy, P.Z.

No. 161—R. Frost, Z.; T. Lloyd, E. T. Naylor, D. L. Armstrong, P.Z's.

No. 163—B. C. Armstrong, Z.; E. R. Ansell, H.; A. J. Stringer, T. J. Middleton, E. W. Bath, W. E. Bath, F. F. Mills, P.Z.'s.

No. 164—A. Weeks, Z.; L. Butler, P.Z.

No. 167—C. P. Eagles, Proxy; J. J. Robins, J. R. Parrott, L. W. Watson, P.Z's.

No. 168—G. A. McConnell, Z.; T. H. Burgis, J. Poulton, W. H. Brady, P.Z's.

No. 169—H. C. Coull, Proxy, P.Z.

No. 175—W. H. Holcombe, Z.; S. Stephens, F. W. Dean, J. R. Dunbar, W. P. Mitchell, E. Hudson, P.Z's.

No. 184—G. E. Ogilvie, Z.; D. G. Wetherelt, J. A. Bell, W. Rostron, P.Z.'s.

No. 195—J. Archdekin, Z.; H. Spratt, E. A. Hay, H. McClure, P.Z's.

No. 198—J. W. Davies, Proxy; B. C. Lamble, P.Z.'s.

No. 210—C. P. Laushways, Z.; D. C. Casselman, H.; W. M. Stanley, P.Z.

No. 212—L. Ritter, Z.; A. Fox, Proxy; S. S. Bederman, P.Z's.

No. 213—W. E. Anderson, Z.; J. Ralph, P.Z.

No. 214—J. C. Smith, Proxy; A. A. Campbell, B. Johnson, P.Z's.

No. 215—S. Kennedy, Z.; W. B. Angst, Proxy; G. W. Ostrander, P.Z's.

No. 217—W. J. M. Lloyd, Z.; J. W. Chatel, J.; W. J. Webber, W. Wyllie, H. E. Walker, A. N. Baldwin, C. R. Kincade, S. Turnbull, J. L. House, H. A. F. Schytte, J. A. Burton, P.Z's.

No. 219—P. K. Taylor, H.; A. D. Napier, L. C. Pilson, T. H. Barker, J. L. Hewson, G. R. Sheard, L. J. Colling, D. S. MacLachlan, H. L. Kesteven, R. P. Boddy, J. S. Bremmer, P.Z's.

No. 220—S. J. Smith, Z.; H. A. Harris, H.; G. H. Rothwell, J.; J. A. Evans, R. N. Carr, J. H. Dicken, W. A. McKague, A. E. Sharpe, G. H. Horner, A. R. Jefferson, A. R. McDougall, W. M. Creech, W. F. Leuty, W. H. Carr, P.Z's.

No. 221—J. Edwards, Z.; W. C. Hutchinson, H.; J. Armstrong, J.; L. Armstrong, P.Z.

No. 222—J. G. Ferguson, Z.; J. R. Howie, J. R. Meldrum, C. M. Pitts, J. Sinclair, P.Z's.

No. 223—F. A. Righton, Proxy; G. L. Cameron, P.Z's.

No. 224—J. A. Atkinson, Proxy; W. Miller, J. S. Drysdale, H. D. Falkiner, P.Z's.

No. 225—J. E. McFadden, H.; A. Spalding, C. E. Woodstock, W. Pendleton, J. C. Day, R. Wilson, J. F. Winton, J. Broadfoot, F. W. D. Welham, P.Z's.

No. 226—L. V. Wood, Proxy, P.Z.

No. 227—R. Godden, Z.; A. Pierson, H.; L. A. Courtemanche, J.; R. M. Anderson, R. D. Adams, B. H. Smith, J. Williams, L. F. Walker, P.Z's.

No. 230—J. I. Parke, Z.; J. Wilton, H.; W. F. Patterson, J.; C. M. Lobban, R. Young, P.Z's.

No. 231—J. M. Yates, Z.; A. Settle, H.; W. J. Bain, J.; J. W. Woodland, A. E. Johnson, W. K. Herd, L. A. Stiver, D. M. Kerr, H. Edmondson, A. W. Johnson, D. Calder, P.Z's.

No. 232—W. H. Anderson, J.; R. Fick, W. F. Roberts, T. H. Williamson, P.Z's.

No. 233—A. E. Taylor, Z.; E. C. Burnell, H.; D. Wilson, J.; W. E. Burton, A. Hannah, J. Burns, W. E. Gardner, P.Z's.

No. 234—J. T. Armstrong, Z.; S. Penrice, H.; B. Moody, J.; J. Addy, F. Wilson, L. Tracey, P.Z's.

No. 235—C. Allan, Z.; F. G. Hare, H.; W. Jennings, J.; F. D. Lacey, P.Z.

No. 236—K. Lang, Z.; L. Speller, H.; J. Lang, J.; J. Aldridge, F. Brown, P.Z's.

No. 238—W. A. Thomson, Z.; F. S. Archibald, H.; H. C. Fleming, B. S. Scott, W. G. Chapman, E. W. Mitchell, C. Hanna, L. E. Fortner, W. L. Davies, A. G. N. Bradshaw, P.Z's.

No. 239—D. Payne, Z.; L. Fisher, H.; R. Nudds, L. Guyett, P.Z's.

No. 241—J. E. Young, Z.; A. W. Fox, H.; O. R. Roberts, H. S. Biggs, P.Z's.

No. 242—I. Pack, Z.; D. W. MacArthur, J.; D. B. Allen, P.Z.

No. 245—W. Corry, Proxy; C. Schneidendorf, P.Z's.

No. 246—H. Banks, Z.; L. Harron, H.; R. Cruise, A. Nisbet Sr., A. Nisbet Jr., F. S. Fordham, H. J. Rees, J. Bremner, P.Z's.

No. 247—J. H. Beattie, Z.; H. Shrich, H.; R. Sutherland, J.; G. S. Sleightholm, M. Lansdale, S. Whitehall, A. E. Snelgrove, G. Tucker, L. Gent, I. Parkinson, T. E. Porter, P.Z's.

No. 249—H. B. Tink, Z.; A. L. Blanchard, P.Z.

No. 250—J. R. Brown, Z.; W. Hockney, P.Z.

No. 251—J. Blackburn, Z.; H. S. Rudd, R. Pineger, P.Z's.

No. 252—J. Facer, H.

No. 253—A. D. Simpson, Z.; B. Reid, J.; W. C. Long, F. M. Given, R. Hazen, P.Z's.

No. 254—J. A. Cox, Proxy, P.Z.

No. 255—W. T. Jeffery, Z.; M. Hicks, H.; C. Fotheringham, C. H. Swatridge, P.Z's.

No. 257—A. Higgins, Proxy, P.Z.

No. 258—J. J. Mehaffey, Z.; R. Manewell, P.Z.

No. 260—A. R. McDougall, Z.; H. B. Banks, H.; W. A. Hamilton, J.; W. H. Carr, W. A. McKague, W. F. Leuty, J. L. Hewson, P.Z's.

The following thirteen Chapters were not represented: Bruce, No. 53; Pembroke, No. 58; Granite, No. 61; Elliot, No. 129; Glengarry, No. 143; St. John's, No. 148; Cobalt, No. 203; Victoria, No. 205; Prince Edward, No. 218; Smithville, No. 240; McKay, No. 243; Dochert, No. 248; Quetico, No. 259.

144 Chapters represented.
13 Chapters not represented.

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There were 622 Registered Delegates having a total vote of 827.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES W. WOODLAND, Chairman.
JOSEPH BENSON, Vice-Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Woodland, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Most Excellent, the Grand Z. directed the Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, when they assembled before the Altar. The following Grand Representatives answered their names:

Alabama—Robert N. McElhinney, 69 Fuller Ave., Toronto 3.
Arizona—Percy W. Rogers, 144 Geoffrey St., Toronto 3.
British Columbia—John A. Mackie, 10 Reigate Rd., Toronto 18.
California—Don Calder, R.R. 1, Brooklin, Ont.
Colorado—Dr. Chas B. Parker, 149 South Dr., Toronto 5.
Connecticut—Harvey J. Milne, Kingston, Ont.
Delaware—Wm. J. Grierson, 161 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto 12.
District of Columbia—B. H. Smith, 169 Dufferin Ave., Belleville.
Florida—M. S. Gooderham, 244 Inglewood Dr., Toronto.
Illinois—J. W. Woodland, 595 St. Clair Ave. W., Toronto 10.
Indiana—A. L. Tinker, 28 Anderson St., Toronto 7.
Iowa—Carroll E. Griffin, 358 Thorold Rd. W., Welland.
Ireland—R. W. E. McFadden, 4 Hart St., Brantford.
Kentucky—Rev. A. S. H. Cree, Leamington, Ont.
Louisiana—Jos. Carson, 689 Colborne St., London.
Maine—M. Roy Anderson, 333 Bleeker St., Belleville.
Manitoba—Percival S. Jannison, 633 Albert St. E., Sault Ste. Marie.
Massachusettes—A. J. Stringer, 101 MacLean Ave., Toronto 8.
Michigan—Fred W. Dean, 244 Holton Ave. S., Hamilton
Minnesota—F. Carl Ackert, 1 Lincoln Ave., Galt.
Missouri—C. Percy Eagles, 46 Quebec St., Midland.
New Brunswick—A. Cavanagh, 585 St. James St., London.
New Hampshire—N. M. Sprague, Trenton, Ont.
New Jersey—G. H. Shannon, 30 Spetz St., Kitchener.
New South Wales—Fred J. Johnson, 400 Lake Promenade, Long Branch.
New York—John M. Burden, 126 Old Orchard Grove, Toronto 12.
New Zealand—Dr. J. Austin Evans, 309 Avenue Rd., Toronto 7.
North Carolina—Benjamin S. Scott, 9 Prospect Ave., London.
North Dakota—J. L. Hewson, 113 Gorevale Ave., Toronto 3.
Nova Scotia—C. M. Pitts, P.O. Box 374, Ottawa.
Ohio—A. G. N. Bradshaw, 655 Waterloo St., London.

Oklahoma—Andrew F. Tannahill, Apt. 104, 780 Eglinton Ave. W. Toronto.
Oregon—Wm. E. Treganza, 920 Mercer Ave., Windsor.
Pennsylvania—John L. House, 14 Pearson Ave., Toronto 3.
Philippines—Chas. W. Emmett, 1310 Tecumseh Park Dr., Port Credit
Quebec—Maurice A. Searle, Apt. 206, 111 Oriole Parkway, Toronto 7.
Rhode Island—E. H. Brennan, Leamington.
Saskatchewan—J. E. Girven, 581 Weller St., Peterborough.
Scotland—Alex M. Hannah, 167 Albertus St., Toronto 12.
Tennessee—Chas. Fotheringham, 70 Brock St. E., Tillsonburg.
Texas—Allan C. Mason, 65 Hohner Ave., Kitchener.
Utah—Lloyd B. Gillespie, 410 Eden Ave., Ottawa.
Vermont—Chas. H. Sheppard, 1896 Delaware St., Niagara Falls.
Victoria—Alex Wishart, 45 Wellington St., Woodstock.
Virginia—Fred G. Smith, 146 Broadway Ave., Ottawa.
Washington—Reginald J. Lewis, 421 St. Clarens Ave., Toronto.
Western Australia—C. Everett Wood, 115 Catherine St., Belleville.
West Virginia—H. A. Fred Schytte, 109 Yonge Blvd., Toronto 12.
Wyoming—George Shute, 426 Cartier Ave., Sudbury.

M. Ex. Comp. Bruce M. Smith extended a warm welcome to the Representatives and asked them to keep in contact with their respective Grand Chapters and strengthen the fraternal bonds of union with our Sister Jurisdictions. Grand Honours were given and R. Ex. Comp. Lloyd B. Gillespie spoke on behalf of the Representatives.

GRAND Z'S. ADDRESS

To the Officers and Companions of the Most Excellent, The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario

My Companions:

I deem it an honour and a privilege to extend to you Fraternal Greetings, on the One Hundred and Second Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

At this time I extend to the Companions of this great City of Toronto, also The Principals' Association of the two Toronto Districts, our heartfelt thanks for their most gracious invitation to hold our deliberations in their City. Much time and labour has been spent in preparations to ensure its success.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome to this Grand Chapter, Most Worshipful Brother and Most Excellent Companion Clarence M. Pitts, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. On behalf of all Companions I extend to him our most hearty congratulations on attaining his high and important office and assure him of this Grand Chapter's continued allegiance and loyalty to him and Grand Lodge. We well remember the contribution he made to Capitular Masonry during his term as our Grand First Principal. Knowing his zeal and fidelity for the Craft, I feel sure that Free Masonry as a whole in this jurisdiction will be greatly blessed during his term of office. May the Great Jehovah give him support, health and strength to carry on his mission in Masonry. We are also greatly pleased that he is accompanied by the Grand Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. and Comp. Ewart G. Dixon, M.C., Q.C., who is ever ready to extend advice and guidance. To him we convey the same warm welcome.

To other Masonic Bodies, i.e. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Dominion of Canada, The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, The Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Cryptic Rite, The Order of High Priesthood, and The Masonic and Military Order of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, we also extend warm and fraternal welcome.

Each year our Grand Chapter Convocations have been honoured by the presence of Grand First Principals or their representatives of our sister jurisdictions in Canada, also Grand High Priests or their representatives and others from various Grand jurisdictions of the United States. We have fond memories of the happy occasions, generous hospitality and fraternal welcome extended to myself and others of our Grand Chapter on visits to their jurisdiction. We extend the same heartfelt welcome to them.

We are gathered together from all parts of our Grand Jurisdiction with, I trust, but one object, namely, The Advancement of the best interests of the Royal Craft.

It will be the duty of this Grand Chapter to discuss and legislate upon such questions as may be brought before it and I have no doubt such matters as may engage your attention will be dealt with in that judicial fairness which has always marked our Annual Convocations.

I will as briefly as possible report to you my activities as your Grand Z during this, my first year in office. Before doing so, I deem it only proper that I should express to you my deepest appreciation for the great honour conferred on me in electing me The Grand First Principal of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario. I am fully aware that the honours which go with this high office are attended with great responsibilities. These I have endeavoured to discharge in the hope that I have come within reasonable reach of the high standards set by the long line of distinguished Masons who have preceded me in office.

NECROLOGY

During the past year we have suffered the loss of a great number of our Companions by the hand of the 'Grim Reaper'. Some 495 Companions have laid down their implements of labour. Many of these Companions have been very active and contributed much to Royal Arch Masonry, and to the promotion of the Brotherhood of Man.

On June 10, 1959, shortly after our Annual Convocation, R. Ex. Comp. Leonard Dowdell of Thomas Peters Chapter No. 250, who had been elected Grand Scribe N., passed away.

Also on August 16, 1959, we were informed of the passing of R. Ex. Comp. J. Edwin Evans, Grand Registrar, Durham Chapter No. 221.

Then again on December 6, 1959, we were saddened by the passing to the Grand Chapter above, of one of the stalwarts of Capitular Masonry in the person of R. Ex. Comp. Fergus A. McDiarmid, Carleton Chapter No. 16, Ottawa. Companion McDiarmid had contributed much to Capitular Masonry in Carleton Chapter and Ottawa District, and for his zeal and enthusiasm, this Grand Chapter at our last Annual Convocation paid him tribute by conferring Honourary Membership to the Grand Executive.

On February 25th, we learned of the passing of another Honourary Member of our Grand Executive, R. Ex. Comp. William S. W. Enouy, University Chapter No. 241. Companion Enouy was well known throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and particularly in the Toronto District for his untiring and un-

selfish efforts on behalf of the Craft having served many years as the Grand Lecturer.

To the immediate families of these and other Companions who have passed to their great reward since last we met, we tender our deepest sympathy.

We have many reports from sister jurisdictions recording the passing of many of their Companions. To them we offer our sincere condolences in the loss of these distinguished Companions.

Later in this Convocation we will receive the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, under the Chairmanship of R. Ex. Comp. George Phillips.

"Day by day, the number lessens,
Year by year they slip away
To the Unknown Land — far distant
In the realms of endless day.

But we hold them in sweet memory,
And we know they are not dead.
To the Heavenly Land Eternal
They've just slipt away ahead."

VISITATIONS

Realizing the great responsibility placed upon me I have endeavoured to devote as much time as possible, that energy and health would permit by visitations throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. It has been a most stimulating and enriching experience—the greatest being the Fraternal Fellowship and Hospitality accorded me on these occasions for which I offer my sincere thanks.

I also received many invitations from sister jurisdictions in Canada and the United States. Unfortunately, I was not able to accept all; however, those that I did attend I received the most cordial hospitality and friendship. It gave me great pride and satisfaction to realise the high esteem with which this Grand Chapter is held elsewhere.

The following is a list of my visitations:

Chapter, Lodge or Event	Location	Occasion
MAY—		
1—Grand Council Royal and Select Masters	Toronto	Official Guest
29—Quinte Friendship Chapter No. 227	Belleville	Reception
JUNE—		
13—St. George's Chapter No. 5	London	Annual Visitation Quinte Friendship Chapter
16—Prequ'ile Chapter No. 144	Brighton	Presentation 25-Year Jewel
20—Victoria Chapter No. 37	Port Hope	Chapter of Instruction
22—Centennial Chapter No. 260	Streetsville	Guest Speaker
26—Corinthian Chapter No. 36	Peterborough	Annual Picnic

JULY—		
14-15-16—Grand Lodge of Canada	Toronto	Official Guest
AUG.—		
8-9-10—Sovereign Great Priory	Ottawa	Official Guest
SEPT.—		
26—Covenant Chapter No. 113	Cornwall	International Night
30—Dalhousie Lodge	Ottawa	Reception to M. Wor. Bro. C. M. Pitts
OCT.—		
6-7-8—Grand Chapter of Ohio	Columbus	Official Guest
13—Grand Chapter Office	Toronto	Meeting Advisory Committee and Council
15-16-17—Grand Chapter of Michigan	Saginaw	Official Guest Acc. by G.S.E., and M. Ex. Comp. F. Dean
23—Corinthian Chapter No. 36	Peterborough	90th Anniversary
24—Wawanosh Chapter No. 15	Sarnia	100th Anniversary
30—Principals' Association Prince Edward District No. 11	Belleville	Reception
NOV.—		
13—Grand Chapter Office	Toronto	Meeting Advisory Committee and Council
18—Bernard Chapter No. 146	Listowel	Reception Grand J
20—The St. Patrick Chapter No 145	Toronto	Grand Chapter Night
JAN.—		
3—Quinte Friendship Chapter No. 227	Belleville	Joint Installation, Quinte Friendship and Moira Chap.
28—The Belleville Lodge	Belleville	100th Anniversary & Ladies' Night - Official Guest
29—Dinner	Toronto	Principals' Association, Toronto Districts No. 8-8a
FEB.—		
2-5—Grand Chapter N.Y.	Albany	Official Guest
16—Hamilton Chapter No. 175	Hamilton	50th Anniversary - Guest Speaker
MAR.—		
7—Dochert Chapter No. 248	Arnprior	Official Guest
11—Occident Chapter No. 77	Toronto	Grand Chapter Night
12—Hiawatha and Port Huron Chapters	Port Huron, Mich.	International Day
15—Grand Chapter Office	Toronto	Meeting Nomination Comm.
16—Grand Chapter Office	Toronto	Advisory and Finance Comm.
21—Ionic Chapter No. 168	Campbellford	51st Anniversary
23—Grand Chapter of Quebec	Montreal	Official Guest

HONOURS

I am most grateful and express my sincere thanks and appreciation to those Constituent Chapters who have conferred on me Honourary Membership. While many may consider this was a demonstration of loyalty to the head of Grand Chapter, I hope it will not be considered vanity on my part if I believe they were given for a more personal reason. The Chapters having so honoured me are:

Corinthian Chapter No. 36, Peterborough.
Wawanosh Chapter No. 15, Sarnia.
Presqu'ile Chapter No. 144, Brighton.
Moira Chapter No. 7, Belleville.
Occident Chapter No. 77, Toronto.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

There was just one occasion this year where it was my pleasure to recommend the following Grand Representative near our Grand Chapter also to report that this was confirmed by the respective Grand Chapter.

Iowa—R. Ex. Comp. Carroll E. Griffin, Welland, Ontario.

Also the following distinguished Companion was nominated and approved as our Grand Representative near his Grand Chapter:

Iowa—Comp. L. Paul Morris.

ANNIVERSARIES

During the year I received invitations and attended where Chapters were celebrating Anniversaries.

On October 23rd, I attended Corinthian Chapter No. 36, Peterborough, accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle, Past Grand Z., R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, Grand H. and other Grand Chapter officers.

On this occasion Corinthian Chapter celebrated Ninety years of Service, Zeal and Fidelity to Grand Chapter.

On October 24th I journeyed to Sarnia, where, accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw and other Grand Chapter officers, we attended Wawanosh Chapter No. 15, when it celebrated that historic milestone of its Centennial. I feel sure everyone will join with me to congratulate the Companions of Wawanosh Chapter and wish for them every success as they start their second Century.

I also had the honour on January 16th of attending Hamilton Chapter No. 175, Hamilton, where, accompanied by many past and present Grand Chapter officers, we had the pleasure of being guests on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary. M. Ex. Comp. Fred W. Dean was toastmaster, and again we extend our hearty congratulations.

On these occasions, one is greatly inspired and encouraged to listen and read their histories of struggles, of successes, and in many instances the great hardships encountered years ago by those faithful Companions in their Zeal for Capitular Masonry, and they have handed to us a great heritage for us to enjoy and value. It is our duty as Royal Arch Masons inspired by those faithful Companions of yester-years to carry high the banner of Capitular Masonry.

LONG SERVICE JEWELS

I regret to report that, owing to lack of time — also the great distance to travel, it was impossible for me to present all of these awards personally. But it was a most pleasing duty to present to many of these Companions who have given so much to Royal Arch Masonry, their 50-Year Jewels. One was tremendously impressed to look into the faces of these Veterans of Masonry and

see the joy and satisfaction of receiving this recognition from Grand Chapter. Likewise it should be an inspiration to us all to follow their example and make a determined effort to contribute our utmost to the furtherance of Capitular Masonry.

It was also a privilege and a pleasure to present many Twenty-five year Past Principal's Jewels. To these Companions I offer my congratulations and a sincere wish that the Great Jehovah will see fit to bless them with many years of good health that they may be privileged to give further service.

May I express my thanks to those Companions of Grand Chapter who so willingly made presentations when asked by me to do so.

Following is a list of those who have received these awards during the past year:

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS

Sixty Year Gold Bar

Chapter

No. 7 The Moira—Comp. A. McGie.

For Fifty Years a Royal Arch Mason

Chapter

No. 2 The Hiram—Comps. W. Brazier, G. E. Waller.
No. 3 St. John's—Comp. W. J. Newman.
No. 5 St. George's—Ex. Comp. F. S. Campbell, Comps. F. Cross, J. Grassick, R. Lawson, H. J. Sutherland, J. Willis.
No. 7 The Moira—Comp. W. Black.
No. 8 King Solomon's—Ex. Comp. A. S. Elliott, Comps. F. Dorst, H. G. Foote, S. Harris, C. T. Hoare.
No. 15 Wawanosh—Ex. Comp. E. C. Lawrence.
No. 20 Mount Horeb—Comp. A. Robbins.
No. 27 Manitou—Comp. W. G. R. Hammond.
No. 31 Prince Edward—Comp. M. B. Parks, V. Ex. Comp. E. A. Pearce.
No. 47 Wellington—Comps W. Taylor, H. English.
No. 54 Palestine—Comps. J. P. Blair, M. E. Elves, H. Idsardi, H. E. Plastow, A. Pletsch.
No. 56 Georgian—Comp. T. H. Cosford.
No. 69 Grimsby—Comps. R. O. Smith, G. W. Zimmerman.
No. 77 Occident—Comps. R. J. Ambler, C. W. Brand, J. S. Eccles, A. E. Fegan, G. H. Fenson, J. E. King,, E. Ogilvie, W. W. Tuxford, A. O. Wood.
No. 80 Ark—Comp. G. W. Hillman.
No. 81 Aylmer—Ex. Comp. E. O. Awde, Comp. Y. McConnell, Ex. Comp. R. B. McKenney.
No. 95 Tuscan—Ex. Comp. J. W. Rawlins.
No. 102 Algonquin—Comp. M. F. Dyke.
No. 103 St. John's—Comps. R. R. Bacon, H. Bailey, F. Milne, G. M. Parks.
No. 104 White Oak—Ex. Comp. W. R. Edwards.
No. 116 Maple—Comp. J. R. Moore.
No. 140 Fort William—R. Ex. Comp. E. E. Wood.
No. 143 Glengarry—Ex. Comp. G. H. McDougall.
No. 145 The St. Patrick—Comps. W. Downey, H. Johnston, W. W. Lindsay.

No. 153 Sombra—Comp. E. G. Arnold.

No. 175 The Hamilton—Comp. E. M. Dalley, R. Ex. Comp. A. P. L. Goering, R. Ex. Comp. S. Vila.

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Chapter

No. 3 St. John's—R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Parker.

No. 4 The St. Andrew & St. John—R. Ex. Comp. V. L. Mutton.

No. 5 St. George's—Ex. Comp. Chas. E. Ticknor.

No. 6 St. John's—V. Ex. Comp. C. R. Lloyd.

No. 7 The Moira—Ex. Comp. J. S. Barber.

No. 22 Grenville—Ex. Comp. C. A. Martin.

No. 23 Ezra—Ex. Comp. W. Z. Nixon.

No. 24 Tecumseh—Ex. Comp. W. Kidnew.

No. 26 St. Mark's—Ex. Comp. V. L. Little.

No. 27 Manitou—R. Ex. Comp. C. A. Trott.

No. 28 Pentalpha—Ex. Comp. J. H. Conner, Ex. Comp. A. G. Broomfield.

No. 29 McCallum—Ex. Comp. F. F. Haney.

No. 30 Huron—Ex. Comp. F. Toole.

No. 31 Prince Edward—V. Ex. Comp. D. W. Gullett, Ex. Comp. W. E. Scott.

No. 40 Guelph—V. Ex. Comp. W. J. Van Norman.

No. 44 Mount Sinai—Ex. Comp. H. C. Empey, Ex. Comp. L. B. Mellow.

No. 46 St. James—Ex. Comp. E. W. White.

No. 53 Bruce—Ex. Comp. E. G. Kerby.

No. 54 Palestine—Ex. Comp. G. Berry, Ex. Comp. A. L. Gledhill.

No. 56 Georgian—Ex. Comp. L. C. Baker.

No. 57 King Hiram—Ex. Comp. S. M. Young.

No. 62 York—Ex. Comp. J. J. Caulkin.

No. 63 Havelock—Ex. Comp. T. M. Rutherford.

No. 64 Willson—R. Ex. Comp. J. G. Frame.

No. 66 The Malloch—R. Ex. Comp. D. L. Reid.

No. 68 Maitland—R. Ex. Comp. R. Cavanagh.

No. 69 Grimsby—Ex. Comp. H. Fonger.

No. 74 Beaver—R. Ex. Comp. A. W. Holt, Ex. Comp. S. Swales.

No. 75 St. Clair—Ex. Comp. W. T. Randell, V. Ex. Comp. E. Harrop.

No. 76 Mount Nebo—Ex. Comp. A. F. Payne.

No. 77 Occident—Ex. Comp. H. Smith.

No. 81 Aylmer—Ex. Comp. F. L. Truman.

No. 91 Toronto-Antiquity—Ex. Comp. A. C. Balmer, Ex. Comp. H. E. Snow, R. Ex. Comp. A. F. Tannahill.

No. 102 Algonquin—V. Ex. Comp. W. J. Hazelwood.

No. 103 St. John's—Ex. Comp. H. E. Ward, R. Ex. Comp. J. Milligan.

No. 104 White Oak—Ex. Comp. W. N. Robinson, V. Ex. Comp. F. C. Daubney.

No. 116 Maple—Ex. Comp. J. A. H. Swayne, Ex. Comp. W. W. Pollock.

No. 135 Succoth—Ex. Comp. L. M. Nicholls.

No. 140 Fort William—V. Ex. Comp. W. Spencer, Ex. Comp. H. T. Middlemiss.

No. 144 Presqu'ile—Ex. Comp. G. H. Harden, Ex. Comp. F. S. Douglas.

No. 147 Lucknow—V. Ex. Comp. A. E. McKim.

No. 152 Alberton—V. Ex. Comp. H. A. McFayden.

No. 153 Sombra—V. Ex. Comp. A. Bruce.

No. 155 Ancaster—Ex. Comp. J. S. Howell.

No. 163 The Beaches—R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Ford, Ex. Comp. C. R. Vint.

No. 168 Ionic—Ex. Comp. N. A. MacColl.

No. 175 The Hamilton—Ex. Comp. J. Fleming.

No. 184 Hugh Murray—Ex. Comp. J. E. Willis.

No. 195 Peel—Ex. Comp. P. Warr.
No. 205 Victoria—Ex. Comp. L. Haworth.
No. 210 Kitchener—V. Ex. Comp. G. E. Young.
No. 212 Mount Sinai—R. Ex. Comp. M. L. Levy.
No. 213 Northern Lights—Ex. Comp. S. L. Honey.
No. 214 Vimy—Ex. Comp. W. L. Elliott, Ex. Comp. J. A. Hartley.
No. 230 Port Credit—V. Ex. Comp. W. A. Maxwell.
No. 236 Caledonia—Ex. Comp. T. S. Little, Ex. Comp. S. McBlain.
No. 238 The St. Andrew—V. Ex. Comp. C. B. Morton.
No. 239 Blenheim—Ex. Comp. W. A. Newcombe, Ex. Comp. A. P. Story, Ex. Comp. I. Story.
No. 240 Smithville—R Ex. Comp. S. Magder, Ex. Comp. F. M. Schnick.
No. 246 Humber—Ex. Comp. E. E. Clarke.
No. 247 Nilestown—Ex. Comp. M. L. Lansdell, V. Ex. Comp. S. Whitehall.
No. 250 Thomas Peters—Ex. Comp. D. Morrison.
No. 251 Kirkland—Ex. Comp. H. G. Ginn, Ex. Comp. H. S. Rood, Ex. Comp. G. F. Doggert.
No. 252 Hiawatha—Ex. Comp. W. Burgess, R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Coleman.

TORONTO WELFARE COMMITTEE

I cannot too highly commend the unselfish humanitarian work carried on by the Royal Arch Welfare Committee of Toronto Districts No. 8 and 8a.

During the summer months this Committee, by the use of 83 cars and 6 trucks transported to and from the Toronto City Mission Camp at Bronte, 342 mothers and underprivileged children. To the patients at Divadale Hospital, where veterans secure domiciliary care through the Department of Veterans Affairs, they visit and supply entertainment and comforts.

Also the Laughlin Lodge is visited twice a month to supply similar entertainment to the aged men and women inmates.

It also does worthwhile work among the children of the Metropolitan School for Retarded Children, by transporting them to and from places of amusement and scenic interest.

The finances necessary to carry on this work are obtained by Social events and donations.

This Committee through its untiring efforts is exemplifying the true fundamental teachings of Masonry, and is deserving of every encouragement. Therefore, on behalf of Grand Chapter, I offer our sincere commendation and appreciation.

MASONIC LIBRARY

May I express, on behalf of this Grand Chapter, its most kind thanks and appreciation to R. W. Bro. and Companion A. E. MacGregor, the Grand Lodge Librarian, for his kind services extended to all Companions who seek his service and advice, and urge all to take advantage of the abundance of Literature available at the Grand Lodge Masonic Library, 888 Yonge Street, Toronto.

PAST RANK

Ex. Comp. J. O. Killer, of King Hiram Royal Arch Chapter No. 57, was elected First Principal in December, 1958; not having served the office of Second Principal, a dispensation was needed to install him. This, through no fault of his, was not approved in time for his installation in January. He was therefore not installed until February, 1959. A request has been received from this Chapter that he be given Past Rank. I therefore recommend that Past Rank be conferred on him.

Ex. Comp. H. W. Warden was elected First Principal of McKay Chapter No. 243. But for business reasons was not available for installation until April, 1959. The Chapter reports that he has discharged his duties in a most capable and satisfactory manner, and therefore requested that he be given Past Rank. I recommend this request be granted.

MEMBERSHIP

Later you will receive a full report of the Membership Committee under the Chairmanship of R. Ex. Comp. A. F. Tannahill, but membership is a problem giving me great concern. This year, I am sorry to report, we show a decrease in total membership —the first such loss in seventeen years. May I hasten to point out that this, of course, is due to our seceding the Yukon Territory to the Grand Chapter of British Columbia. This accounted for a loss of 152 members. In our jurisdiction proper we have a gain of 39, thus leaving a net loss of 113.

At the beginning of the year I was privileged to speak to the New Superintendents, and stressed that we were faced with a decrease in membership, and requested them to make every effort throughout their Districts to stimulate an interest in the individual Chapters in this phase of our activity.

During the year we have suffered a loss of 495 by death, which is 8 less than the previous year. However, it is most alarming to observe that there were 426 Withdrawals (less 152 in the Yukon District)—a net loss from these two sources of 479—an increase of 99 over last year. This has been the cause of much concern among my predecessors. Last year you will recall M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle enlarged on this same subject, and stated that a thorough investigation would reveal circumstances which could be rectified, and thus bring about a lessening in the number of membership lost in the field of Suspensions and Demits —and I strongly stress the same thought.

Therefore, I strongly recommend chapters appoint an active Membership Committee, not only for the purpose of obtaining new members—which, of course, is most desirable—but to study and investigate the cause and endeavour to prevent the loss in membership by Demits and Suspensions.

Following is a 10 year analysis of membership, which is worthy of study by all:

Year	Admissions	Joinings	Restorations	Total Additions	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	Total Deletions	Net Increase	Membership end of year
1950	1,187	100	58	1,345	199	112	455	766	579	20,649
1951	1,047	81	38	1,166	171	184	502	859	309	20,958
1952	1,051	100	34	1,185	189	197	463	849	336	21,294
1953	1,139	75	46	1,260	214	169	400	783	477	21,771
1954	1,045	86	34	1,165	234	151	453	838	327	22,098
1955	952	55	31	1,038	175	188	475	838	200	22,298
1956	943	73	22	1,038	223	182	497	902	136	22,434
1957	879	78	27	984	242	150	536	928	56	22,490
1958	902	99	20	1,021	228	152	503	883	138	22,628
1959	927	70	16	1,013	426	205	495	1126	-113	22,515

DISPENSATIONS

Attend Divine Service	24
Change Day or hour of Opening	57
Permit Social Functions	26
Waiver of Jurisdiction from one Chapter to another re Companions	4
Change place of Opening	6
Amputations Initiated	2
Dispense with Convocations in Summer Months	7
Dispense with December Convocation	1
To confer Three Degrees in one day	1
Advancement of Officers as required by Constitution	10
Permit Special Emergent Meetings	4
Permit Election of Officers in February for re-election of Council	1
To hold Installation contrary to By-laws	4
To Dispense with February meeting in accordance with By-laws	1
To permit Election of Officers in February contrary to By-laws	1
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It is important to mention at this point that whenever there is a deviation from the Constitution or By-laws, a request must be made to Grand Chapter Office for a Dispensation. Many Chapters fail in this important duty.

CHAPTER BY-LAWS

New By-Laws Approved:

Chapter	No.
Warkworth	110
St. John's	112
Peel	195

Amendments to By-Laws Approved:

Chapter	No.	Chapter	No.
St. John's	3	London	150
Grenville	22	Madoc	161
Corinthian	36	Temiskaming	169
Harris	41	Kitchener	210
Prince of Wales	71	Mount Sinai	212
Mount Nebo	76	Beaver	225
Ark	80	King Cyrus	232
Golden	90	Preston	245
Toronto-Antiquity	91	Thomas Peters	250
Kitchener	117	Espanola	257
King Darius	134	Victoria	37
The St. Patrick	145	Abitibi	223

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

It was my pleasure to attend two such events. On September 26th last, accompanied by other Grand Chapter Officers, I attended Covenant Chapter No. 113 at Cornwall, when, assisted by Massena Chapter, Massena, N.Y., they held their Annual International Day. Again on March 12th last at Port Huron, Michigan, under the joint auspices of Hiawatha Chapter, Sarnia, and Port Huron Chapter, Port Huron, another such annual event was held. I am convinced these Convocations do much to create better understanding, and foster relationships between this Grand Chapter and other jurisdictions, and do much to promote the fundamental teachings of our Royal Craft.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

As required by the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, all Nominations for Elective Officers of Grand Chapter (except that of the Grand Superintendents) are to be in the office of Grand Chapter no later than March 15th, and opened by a Committee appointed by the Grand First Principal. I therefore appointed M. Ex. Companion John M. Burden, Chairman, and R. Ex. Companion C. W. Emmett, Grand H, and myself, as members.

INVESTMENTS

A minor change was made with regard to Grand Chapter Investments by reason of the fact that some bonds in our possession matured. On the advice of the Chairman on Investments and members of the Finance Committee, these were renewed and reinvested. A comprehensive report will be presented to this Convocation by R. Ex. Comp. F. Carl Ackert, Chairman of Committee on Investments.

I also express my personal thanks and that of Grand Chapter to M. Ex. Comp. Fred W. Dean, Grand Treasurer, R. Ex. Comp. James E. Girven, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, along with R. Ex. Comp. F. Carl Ackert, for their counsel and guidance.

GRAND CHAPTER HISTORY

The unforseen and unexpected difficulties that caused the delay in the publication having been overcome, the Grand Chapter History is now completed. The distribution is under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. H. A. Fred Schytte. All previous orders have been filled, and it is now possible to obtain further copies at this Convocation.

It is a most informative and educational work, and in my personal opinion, should be in the possession of every Companion, and may be read with pride by every Royal Arch Mason.

To all those who contributed to its finality, the gratitude and appreciation is extended by this Grand Chapter.

RECOMMENDATION

For some years, V. Ex. Comp. Joseph A. Hearn of Orient Chapter No. 79, Toronto, has been a member of the Grand Executive Committee of this Grand Chapter, and has been most generous in extending assistance and guidance when needed. The contribution made by him on our Centennial celebration was most noteworthy. In recognition of his services, I recommend that Honourary Membership on the Grand Chapter Executive Committee be conferred upon him, in accordance with Paragraph 65, Section 1, of the Grand Chapter Constitution.

Due to the death of R. Ex. Comp. Fergus A. McDiarmid and R. Ex. Comp. William S. M. Enouy, confirmation of this recommendation will still leave two vacancies.

RECOGNITION

Argentina

A request from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Argentina, asking the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, to accord to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Argentina Fraternal recognition.

The recognition by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, of the Grand Lodge of Argentina F and A Masons has been confirmed through the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

In view of the foregoing, I recommend that approval be given to the request of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Argentina for Fraternal recognition, and that we exchange the usual courtesies and Representatives with them upon the written assurance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Argentina that they have no connection with any other Grand Lodge of Argentina.

Subsequent to this request, we have this assurance from the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Argentina.

Switzerland

A request from the National Grand Chapter HELVETIA of Royal Arch Masons of Switzerland asking the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario to accord to the National Grand Chapter HELVETIA of Royal Arch Masons of Switzerland Fraternal recognition.

The recognition by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, of the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland has been confirmed through the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

In view of the foregoing, I recommend that approval be given to the request of the National Grand Chapter HELVETIA of Royal Arch Masons of Switzerland for Fraternal recognition and that we exchange the usual courtesies and Representatives with them, upon the written assurance that their Grand Chapter accepts in particular members of Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland, or the United Grand Lodge of England.

Subsequent to this request we have this assurance from the office of the Grand Secretary of the National Grand Chapter HELVETIA of Royal Arch Masons of Switzerland.

Netherlands

A request from Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Netherlands asking the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario to accord the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Netherlands Fraternal recognition.

The recognition by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario to the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands has been confirmed through the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

In view of the foregoing, I recommend that approval be given to the request of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Netherlands for Fraternal recognition, and that we exchange the usual courtesies and Representatives with them upon the written assurance that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Netherlands that they have no connection with any other Grand Lodge of the Netherlands.

Subsequent to this request, we have this assurance from the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Netherlands.

APPRECIATION

During the summer months, I received from R. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson notice of his withdrawal from active duty in Grand Chapter. R. Ex. Comp. Johnson has given ten years of faithful service to this Grand Chapter. For his loyal service, zeal

and fidelity—and friendly counsel, I extend to him on behalf of this Grand Chapter and myself our most sincere thanks.

On his leaving in November on an extended holiday trip, I appointed M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle, Grand Scribe E. Pro Tem. Shortly after accepting the appointment, he was confined to hospital for several weeks, then returned home for a period of convalescence, and is now slowly returning to the active duties of his vocation. We sincerely hope the Great Jehovah will continue to bless him with good health.

This, however, created a problem in the Grand Chapter Office. At my request R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Lewis, Grand Lecturer, accepted the onerous duties of Grand Scribe E. at no cost to Grand Chapter. For his most commendable service to Grand Chapter and myself I express our thanks.

I also record my thanks to Miss Gwen Moore and Miss M. Hutchings for their capable service during the busy past months.

To the Principals' Association of the two Toronto Districts and its immediate Past President V. Ex. Comp. R. Taylor, our appreciation for the invitation extended to hold this Convocation in the City of Toronto.

To the Past Grand First Principals my personal thanks for the ever ready assistance and advice always available when requested, also the kind co-operation and support extended by R. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Emmett, Grand H, and R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay, Grand J.

To other Grand Chapter Officers and the Grand Superintendents for the discharge of their duties and loyalty to Grand Chapter, my personal thanks and those of Grand Chapter.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

During the past year I have made many visitations throughout this jurisdiction and it has been my constant aim and endeavour to further the interest of Royal Arch Masonry. I like its principles, its work, its philosophy. Throughout these visits I have made many observations, but I must confess these have been made and stressed by my predecessors in their annual reports.

On many occasions we have heard of the necessity of greater attendance at our convocations. This is not a problem confined to Royal Arch Masonry. However, it is my firm opinion that a careful study of officer material should be made; too often we find a feeling of complacency among the officers of Chapters. If we have officers charged with enthusiasm, I feel sure we will have taken the first step towards a remedy. Also the meetings must be thoughtfully organized so that they are interesting, started promptly, and close the same way—not trail off into boredom. To every Companion may I suggest you stop and think of the Companions whose petitions you signed, who are not attending as you would like them to. Take it upon yourself to see to it

that they are at your meetings during the year to come. Show you are interested in them, if you are not, why did you recommend them to your Chapter for membership. Try this suggestion a few times and see if the results are not more than worth the effort.

May I stress also, the importance of the Monthly Summons. A study has shown that many contain no information of value to the Companions. Endeavour to keep them up to date. Many reached me during the month of March and still contain a list of the 1959 Officers. Also, many Chapters do not send their summons to the Grand First Principal or Grand Chapter Office. This I would like to see corrected.

The Chapter Circular is meant to acquaint Companions with Chapter activities, future events, and interesting Masonic messages and should be prepared according.

I am pleased to find a greater interest and enthusiasm in our Degree work; more uniformity is being shown throughout the jurisdiction. This, of course, is most important. I again stress that a study of the Constitution by the Principals of Chapters is essential.

During my visits throughout our Grand jurisdiction, I have been greatly impressed with the enthusiasm and pride shown by the Companions for Capitular Masonry.

Now once again I thank every Companion in this jurisdiction for the opportunity of serving Royal Arch Masonry as your Grand First Principal. Without your help I would have failed. Together we have achieved some measure of success.

There is a destiny that makes us Brothers,
None goes his way alone.
All that we put into the lives of others
Comes back into our own.

Fraternally submitted,

Bruce H. Smith
Grand Z.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay and—

Resolved—That the address of the M. Ex. the Grand Z. be referred to the Committee on the Grand Z's Address to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT No. 1

Rt. Ex. Comp. E. K. Rupert

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada

It is with much pleasure and satisfaction mingled with some little regret that the time has come to present my report on Capitular Masonry in St. Clair District.

I was deeply appreciative of the honour and trust placed on me when the Companions of the District selected me to represent our Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith, in our district and most thankful that M. Ex. Comp. Smith confirmed the appointment.

My first duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. Kenneth Colwell as my Secretary and a happy and fortunate choice it was. He has been most faithful and efficient, full of help and encouragement. To him I will forever be in debt.

Official visits were made as follows:

June 1—Sombra Chapter, No. 153, Wallaceburg.
Sept. 10—Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham.
Sept. 18—Lorne Chapter, No. 164, West Lorne.
Sept. 22—McNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden.
Oct. 5—Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor.
Oct. 8—Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Essex.
Oct. 19—Erie Chapter, No. 73, Ridgetown.
Nov. 4—Blenheim Chapter, No. 239, Blenheim.
Nov. 11—Thos. Peters Chapter, No. 250, Windsor.
Dec. 9—King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119. Leamington.

In addition I attended all installations but two and some other visits as well.

On all occasions the warmth of welcome and friendship was outstanding. The representative of the Grand First Principal was received in proper form and with dignity on every occasion. The work on all cases was very well done except for a few minor mechanical errors here and there. One or two of the ante-rooms could stand a little attention. Finances appear to have held their own. There was a drop in membership applications until fall when there appeared a pick-up which has continued strongly in the new year. Total membership in the district dropped a little but appeared to be a matter of house-cleaning. I was startled to find on examing the registers of the Chapters, some as far back as thirty years, that the average attendance is at least as good now as then, but there certainly was a lot more visitation back in those days.

The one item that concerned me was how little our Chapters are equipped for degree work beyond the basic requirements. To me, no matter how well you know your work, you cannot do a first-class job with meagre equipment, and the more complete that equipment is the better the job of portraying the degree can be done. Some Chapters do not always use the paraphernalia they do have. I hope to work out a scheme whereby every Chapter in our District in a few years' time will be equipped down to the last item.

On the whole it appears officer material is improving and so is the work. Perhaps if we spent more time thinking of the good things going on in Capitular Masonry and less on apparent failings we would all be in better spirit and do a better job.

During the year I attended Divine Services at King Cyrus, McNabb, and Sombra Chapters. Not wishing to jump too fast about a District Service we have arranged for two district services this year early in April. One will be at Essex for the Essex County Chapter and one at Wallaceburg for the balance of the District. Perhaps the next step will be one service for the whole district.

One June 27 a very successful Chapter of Instruction was held at Wallaceburg at which three different Chapters exemplified the three degree. R. Ex. Comp. Reg. Lewis was on hand to lend his most valued assistance.

During the year I had the happy privilege to present on behalf of Grand Chapter 50-year jewels to Comps. William Taylor and Harold English of Wellington Chapter, Chatham, Edward Arnold of Sombra Chapter, Wallaceburg, and a 25-year Past Principal's jewel to Ex. Comp. Alex Bruce of Sombra Chapter. I also presented medallions to Blenheim Chapter members and certificates to Wellington Chapter members. I attended Thos. Peters Chapter, Windsor, when the Grand High Priest of Michigan attended on the occasion of a flag presentation to that Chapter. Another happy affair was the reception at Listowel to the Grand Third Principal Dr. Hay. Principals' Association meetings have also been attended. A Chapter is always saddened by death in its rank. Thos. Peters of Windsor was particulary so when they lost R. Ex. Comp. L. Dowdell so soon after his election to Grand Chapter. Sombra Chapter, Wallaceburg, also lost its grand old man in Masonry by the death of Ex. Comp. George Norman a month short of ninety-two years old. He had received almost all the jewels available in Masonry and was still active in degree work up to within a month of his death.

In closing may I say it has been a wonderfully rich experience for me and I hope I have been able to add some little bit to Capitular Masonry in this district. I pledge my full co-operation and support to my successor and for the years to come as so many of my predecessors have done.

LONDON DISTRICT No. 2

Rt. Ex. Comp. Robert A. Hamilton

As I begin my report on my term as Grand Superintendent of London District No. 2 of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario I do so with a feeling of humility.

The London District elected me to the highest office in their power, for which I shall always be grateful. I shall look back on the years 1959-1960 with many fond memories of Masonry and the many friends, old and new, and the gracious way I was received on all of my visits, official and otherwise.

It was my good fortune to have as my secretary Ex. Comp. A. W. Jordan, who was a pillar of strength in all of my District work. To him I say thanks.

A chapter of instruction was held on June 10, 1959, at Strathroy. Beaver Chapter, No. 74, was host to the District and once again I extend to this Chapter my sincere thanks for their kind hospitality. This was well attended and everyone present was keenly interested and all took an active part.

In the District it was my pleasure to attend several Divine Services which were fairly well attended.

To see and be present at the presentation of service jewels for fifty years as members and twenty-five year Past Principals' jewels was a great thrill, but when one has the district honour of personally presenting such jewels it leaves a feeling of happiness, joy and honour words cannot express. It was also my good fortune to assist on behalf of Grand Chapter in the presentation of a Very Excellent Companion's regalia.

The London District was very forunate in having the distinct honour of the presence of our Grand First Principal Most Excellent Companion Bruce H. Smith on two occasions. One occasion was on June 13 when St. George's Chapter, No. 5, had their fraternal visit from Quint Friendship Chapter. There was a fine turnout for this occasion.

On October 24, 1959, Wawanosh, No. 15, celebrated their centennial year. At this time we were again honoured with the presence of our Grand First Principal Most Excellent Comp. Bruce H. Smith and our

Grand Second Principal Rt. Ex. Comp. Chas. Emmett and many other Grand Chapter officers, past and present. I wish to congratulate Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, on a wonderful day of celebration for such an outstanding occasion. I am sure I express the fellings of all who were present when I say thank you for a job well done.

The official visits during my term of office began on September 17, 1959, and were completed on November 18, 1959. All the Chapters of the District received me with full honours and were most gracious on all of my visits. The officers were sincere in their work and the future of all Chapters is on a sound basis.

It was also my pleasure to attend St. Johns Chapter, No. 3, at London, annual ladies' night. I was accompanied by Mrs. Hamilton, Ex. Comp. A. W. Jordan and Mrs. Jordan. Here again we along with all present enjoyed a wonderful evening.

My official visits were as follows:

Nilestone No. 247, Nilestone—Sept. 17.
St. Andrew's No. 238, London—Sept. 24.
St. George's No. 5, London—Sept. 25.
Aylmer No. 81, Aylmer—Oct. 1.
Beaver No. 74, Strathroy—Oct. 5.
St. Paul's No. 242, Lambeth—Oct. 6.
Palestine No. 54, St. Thomas—Oct. 8.
Vimy No. 214, Inwood—Oct. 12.
Minnewawa No. 78, Parkhill—Oct. 19.
London No. 150, London—Oct. 20.
St. John's No. 3, London—Oct. 28.
Hiawatha No. 252, Sarnia—Nov. 2.
Wawanosh No. 15, Sarnia—Nov. 13.
Bruce No. 53, Petrolia—Nov. 18.

The installation ceremonies were a source of good Chapter relations and while I was not able to be present at all of them it was my good fortune to attend several.

We are holding our District Divine Service in the Point Edward United Church on Sunday, April 3, 1960, and I am sure it will be well attended. The Companions will receive a message delivered by the Rev. K. Lee which will make the effort of coming worth while.

As I relinquish my position of Grand Superintendent it is with many happy memories which I will always cherish. To my successor I wish him the same co-operation and courtesies which were mine. May the blessing of the Great Jehovah rest upon one and all.

WILSON DISTRICT No. 3

Rt. Ex. Comp. A. Edward Thurlow

My report for Wilson District No. 3 is submitted with great pleasure and satisfaction; pleasure in the memories of fraternal visits made during the course of the year and satisfaction in all of the Chapters so visited.

To the many Compaions who accompanied me on my several visits to the various Chapters I would like to express my thanks. My thanks and appreciation are also extended to the officers and members of Oxford Chapter and the other Chapters in the district who were instrumental in placing me in the position of Grand Superintendent of Wilson District and, as such, the representative of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal.

On May 15 a meeting was held in the Chapter rooms at Woodstock and was attended by nineteen of the Ruling Principals and Scribes from the seven Chapters in Wilson District for the purpose of drawing up the Grand Superintendent's trestle-board and to pass on general information from the Grand Chapter for the good of the Chapters in general. This informal meeting proved to be a valuable contribution to the welfare of the District.

The secretarial duties which are so much a part of the Grand Superintendent's work have been very capably performed by Ex. Comp. George L. Nutt of Oxford Chapter and I am grateful to him for his help throughout the year.

Each of the seven constituent Chapters in the Disrict were visited at least once during my term of office in addition to my official visits, which were as follows:

Ezra No. 23, Simcoe—Oct. 8.
Regal No. 253, Port Dover—Oct. 14.
Mount Horeb No. 20, Brantford—Oct. 15.
Brant No. 115, Paris—Oct. 19.
Harris No. 41, Ingersoll—Nov. 13.
Tillsonburg No. 255, Tillsonburg—Nov. 17.
Oxford No. 18, Woodstock—Nov. 27.

On every official visit I was well and properly received as the representative of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and every visit was an enjoyable occasion.

The work was always in very good form and the sincerity of all who took part could not other than leave a good impression on the candidates.

The oft repeated message urging the Chapters to make every effort towards getting in new members will undoubtedly pay dividends as time goes on.

Perhaps the highlight of the year was the holding of a District Divine Service in St. John's Anglican Church at Woodhouse on Sunday, September 27, which was attended by well over eighty officers and members of Royal Arch Masonry in the District.

Our Grand Chaplain, Rt. Ex. Comp. A. K. Campbell of St. Marys, was guest preacher and his message was most inspiring.

We are indeed grateful to the Rev. David Miln, rector of St. John's Anglican Church, for accommodating us on this occasion and also to the ladies of the church for the excellent lunch provided after the service.

Following the service all members paraded to the grave of Most Excellent Companion William Mercer Wilson, our first Most Excellent Companion. It was my humble privilege on behalf of Wilson District No. 3 to place a wreath on his grave commemorating the great Masonic structure built on the foundation which he helped to lay.

On Friday, January 7, I officiated as installing officer for a joint installation of the officers of Oxford Chapter No. 18 and Harris Chapter No. 41 held in the Oxford Chapter rooms in Woodstock.

In concluding I would like to express my thanks to all the officers and members of the several Chapters in the District for their loyalty and support and my especial thanks to Most Ex. Comp. Bruce Smith for confirming my appointment as Grand Superintendent of Wilson District No. 3.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 4

Rt. Ex. Comp. T. Forrester

It gives me great pleasure at this time to present my report as Grand Superintendent of Wellington District No. 4 for the year 1959.

I wish first to express my thanks and appreciation to the Principals and Past Principals of this District for the honour they conferred on Waterloo Chapter No. 32 and myself in electing me to this high and important office and to the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal, Bruce H. Smith, for confirming my election.

It was my pleasure to appoint Ex. Comp. D. J. Marriott as my secretary. Ex. Comp. Marriott accompanied me on all visits and I am indeed most appreciative of his kind assistance and companionship during my term.

A District meeting was held on June 7 at Guelph Masonic Temple with a good representation from the Chapters in the District where we

had an opportunity to discuss many points concerning Capitular Masonry and to draw up my schedule of official visits as follows:

Sept. 18—Kitchener Chapter No. 117, Kitchener.
Sept. 24—Waterloo Chapter No. 32, Galt.
Oct. 9—Guelph Chapter No. 40, Guelph.
Oct. 13—Enterprise Chapter No. 67, Palmerston.
Oct. 21—Halton Chapter No. 234, Georgetown.
Oct. 27—Ionic Chapter No. 83, Orangeville.
Nov. 12—Prince Edward Chapter No. 218, Shelbourne.
Nov. 17—Durham Chapter No. 221, Durham.
Nov. 24—Preston Chapter No. 245, Preston.

On all my official visits I was received with dignity and honour as the representative of the M. Ex. Grand First Principal. In all the Chapters degrees were conferred and I am greatly impressed with the high standard of officiency and zeal of the officers and other participants. It was most encouraging to encounter the true spirit of brotherhood and goodwill that was evident on all occasions.

On all visits the books were examined and the Scribes E. are to be congratulated on the precision and neatness of their records. With one exception all the Chapters in the District are in a sound financial position.

A District Divine Service was held at Central Presbyterian Church, Galt, on Sunday, October 25, 1959. The Rev. Dr. D. Gowdy delivered an appropriate and timely sermon. It was exceptionally well attended with members in attendance from almost every Chapter in the District.

One of the highlights of the year was the Past Principals' Association meeting held at Waterloo Chapter, Galt, under the capable direction of Ex. Comp. A. Shoemaker. The work of Grand Chapter was explained by Rt. Ex. Comp. F. C. Ackert and an outstanding address delivered by the Rt. Ex. Comp. Dr. Johnson held the rapt attention of all Companions in attendance.

As this most enjoyable term of office draws to a close I should like to express my heartfelt thanks to Rt. Ex. Comp. Tracy for his many kindnesses and also to thank the Companions of the District for their splendid co-operation and hospitality. To my successor I extend my very best wishes and the hope that under his guidance Wellington District will attain new heights of prosperity and success.

HAMILTON DISTRICT No. 5

Rt. Ex. Comp. Donald S. Stephens

Since the session of Grand Chapter held in April, 1959, it has been my great privilege, accompanied by my secretary, Excellent Companion William P. Mitchell, to officially visit all the Chapters and also to pay at least a second unofficial visit to all the Chapters subsequent to the completion of the official visits. Actually it has been in the subsequent informal visitations that the real problems of the Chapters have become evident.

It was very heartening on the official visitations to always be accompanied by a large group of members from at least one of the other Chapters. When I visited White Oaks Chapter nineteen members from St. John's Chapter accompanied me. Sixteen members of Keystone Chapter accompanied me to St. Clair and fifteen members from my own Chapter, Hamilton, accompanied me to Caledonia. Other Chapters also contributed their generous quotas on these visits.

It might be mentioned that Excellent Companion Richardson, local Principal of St. John's Chapter, and my predecessor as Grand Superintendent, Right Excellent Companion Fred Scott, accompanied me on eight out of nine of my official visits. I am also greatly indebted to Most Excellent Companion Fred Dean and Right Excellent Companion Stanley Porch for their constant help. My secretary, Excellent Companion William

P. Mitchell, has laboured arduously on my behalf and Io do not feel that I could have carried on without him. As for myself, no one could have had a higher honour than to have occupied a position once held by his beloved father twenty-five years before and particularly on the fiftieth anniversary of his own Chapter.

Following is a resume of the situation of each Chapter and so that there may be no flavour of favouritism I will describe them in alphabetical order.

Ancaster No. 155—This Chapter is very enthusiastic about its work, which has been exemplified admirably. However, it needs increased membership and is now forming a membership committee to interview members of our Blue Lodges who have recently moved into the area. They should be encouraged to join a Masonic body in their own neighbourhood. A degree team from the Principals' Association will eventually confer a degree in Seymour Lodge in Ancaster to stimulate interest in that quarter.

Caledonia No. 236—There is not a more enthusiastic Chapter in the District. It is notable that there are a number of young men both entering the Chapter and becoming officers. Their annual Oyster Social has become a by-word in the district. They can look forward very hopefully to the future.

Hamilton No. 175—This Chapter celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on February 16, 1960, and had the great honour to be visited by Most Excellent Companion Bruce Smith, Grand First Principal, who was accompanied by Right Excellent Companion Emmett, Grand Second Principal, and other Grand Chapter officers. It now looks forward to another fifty years. From the enthusiastic support given to all Royal Arch activities the future of this Chapter will indeed be a very honourable one.

Hiram No. 2—This is the largest and oldest Chapter in the District. On my official visit it was inspiring to see eleven candidates receive their M.E.M. degree on one night. Here membership is no problem and there is a great enthusiasm among the members to go out and get candidates. Other Chapters in the District could take a lesson on membership from Hiram.

Keystone No. 224—Keystone Chapter has taken advantage of the growth of the City of Hamilton up over the mountain from which it derives its members. The members of this Chapter are notably diligent in visiting other Chapters and taking a very broad and encompassing view of their Masonic duties.

McKay No. 243, Stoney Creek—Those who month by month support this Chapter are to be given the highest praise for carrying on under circumstances that can sometimes be called very discouraging. There are practically no members in this Chapter under forty-five years of age and unless this is drastically remedied the handwriting is on the wall. However, to assist those who have supported this Chapter so loyally the president of the Principals' Association has agreed to confer a degree in Wentworth Lodge in an effort to stimulate membership and bring the Chapter before the Master Masons located in the vicinity of Stoney Creek.

St. Clair No. 75, Milton—The membership situation in this Chapter is indeed healthy. The Chapter is now putting on a drive to get more members to attend each meeting. This Chapter has taken great interest in all District activities and can definitely be said to be on the up-grade.

St. Johns No. 6—The degrees put on by this Chapter have been notably good and it is example to all other Chapters in the District. Their officers and Past Principals have been active throughout and their general enthusiasm augers well for the future.

White Oak No. 104—One of the notable features in this Chapter is the administration and all other Chapters could take a lesson from the Scribe E. of this Chapter. Also, no Chapter in the District is more

punctual in starting and closing its meetings. Its Strawberry Festival in the month of June has become a legend in the District. This Chapter is to be particularly commended for its contact with the men in the Armed Forces located in Central Command Headquarters in Oakville. The future of this Chapter is one that can be described as very hopeful.

Once again may I thank all those who have assisted me during the past year.

HURON DISTRICT No. 6

R. Ex. Comp. James Boyle

May I express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the honour conferred on Lucknow Chapter No. 147 and myself on being elected by the past and present Principals of Huron District No. 6 to the office of Grand Superintendent and to the Most Frand First Principal Bruce H. Smith in confirming my election.

My first pleasant duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. Kenneth Cameron as District Secretary who has been a great help to me. To him I offer my sincere thanks.

I paid the following visits to all Chapters in the District during the year. The following schedule of official visits was arranged and completed as follows:

May 22—Tecumseh Chapter No. 24, Stratford.
June 8—St. James' Chapter No. 46, St. Marys.
June 9—Lucknow Chapter No. 147, Lucknow.
June 15—Malloch Chapter No. 66, Seaforth.
June 16—Huron Chapter No. 30, Goderich.
June 17—Havelock Chapter No. 63, Kincardine.
Sept. 1—Bernard Chapter No. 146, Listowel.
Oct. 6—Elliott Chapter No. 129, Mitchell.
Oct. 20—Lebanon Chapter No. 84, Wingham.
Nov. 3—Chantry Chapter No. 130, Southampton.

Eventually all visits were made as planned and at every Chapter I was received with dignity and respect as the representative of the Grand First Principal. Each Chapter except one conferred one or more degrees. I was particularly impressed by the uniformity of the work in all the Chapters of the District. It was very encouraging to find the books of the Scribes E. were in such excellent order. It is very gratifying to see so many past First Principals showing a keen interest in the work and assisting with lectures.

During my visits I had many highlights which stand out in my memory, some of which were on my visit to St. Marys on June 8. I had the pleasure of presenting Very Ex. Comp. David White with his Grand Chapter regalia. Included in the work of the evening for my inspection was the H.R.A. Degree which was conferred on eight candidates. All this must of made a vivid impression on the candidates and everyone present.

On my visit to Havelock Chapter No. 63, Kincardine, I had the honour and pleasure of presenting a twenty-five P.Z. jewel to Ex. Comp. T. M. Rutherford. Added to this several Companions and myself had the unique experience of visiting the residence of Ex. Comp. H. D. Thacker where he was confined by illness and presenting him also with a twenty-five year P.Z. jewel.

On the 18th of November I had the honour of acting as chairman for a banquet in honouring Dr. Fraser Hay on his election to the office of Third Grand Principal. This banquet was held in Listowel with good attendance.

In my visits through the district I was impressed with the work of the officers in the various Chapters, and I feel the future of Royal Arch Masonry in Huron District No. 6 is in very capable hands. In conclusion may I offer my sincere thanks to all Companions who helped make my term of office so pleasant and I sincerely hope that the District will continue to give their whole-hearted support to my successor.

NIAGARA DISTRICT No. 7

R. Ex. Comp. Don Winn

I have the honour and pleasure of presenting my report on Royal Arch Masonry in Niagara Ditrict No. 7.

First, I wish to thank the Principals and Companions of this District for the honour they conferred on King Hiram Chapter and on myself in electing me to this high office and to Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith for confirming my election.

Ex. Comp. Cral McNeil has acted as my District Secretary and I am deeply indebted to him for his kind and ready assistance at all times.

On September 20, 1959, a District Church Service was held in Central United Church, Port Colborne. V. Ex. Comp. E. C. McCullagh delivered a most inspiring sermon to a very good attendance. For this fine showing of the Companions of this District I am most grateful.

I visited each Chapter at least twice during the year and the following werem y official visits:

Oct. 2—Niagara Chapter, No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake.
Oct. 7—Wilson Chapter, No. 64, Welland.
Oct. 9—Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines.
Oct. 13—Hugh Murray Chapter, No. 184, Fort Erie.
Oct. 16—Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, Niagara Falls.
Oct. 19—McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville.
Oct. 26—Smithville Chapter, No. 240, Smithville.
Nov. 2—Grimsby Chapter, No. 69, Grimsby.
No. 5—King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne.

I was received with dignity and respect everywhere I went. Degrees were conferred by all Chapters, the work on the whole being very creditably performed. There seemed to be a warm spirit of harmony and good fellowship in every Chapter.

On November 5, 1959, I had the honour of representing the Grand First Principal in presenting Companion H. G. Foote with his fifty-year jewel in King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne.

On October 7, 1959, I had the unique experience, during my official visit to Wilson Chapter, No. 64, Welland, of signing the same register which my father signed when he was Grand Superintendent of Niagara District No. 7 forty-two years ago.

To the many Rt. Ex. and Very Ex. Companions, to the past and present Principals and all the Companions of the District who have made my term so pleasant and rewarding I tender my sincere thanks and trust they will give the same kindly advise and staunch support to my successor.

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT No. 8

R. Ex. Comp. Frederick W. D. Welham

My term of office as the representative of the Grand First Principal (Grand Superintendent of Toronto District No. 8) now draws to a close. It is my pleasing duty to submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in our district.

I would first like to thank the Principal and past Principals of the District for the honour they bestowed upon Beaver Chapter and myself in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent and to Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith, many thanks for your confirmation.

My first pleasing duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. John Broadfoot of my own Chapter as my secretary, which he most graciously accepted, and it is with a great sense of gratitude that I thank him for the ready co-operation and assistance which he has given me during our term of office. He was most helpful and efficient and accompanied me on all inspections and installations, also to many other visits throughout the district.

I feel that this is a most opportune time to thank all of the ruling

Principals, past Principals and their members in District No. 8 who accompanied me on so many of my visits. On quite a number of occasions all Chapters in the District were represented. The attendance at the inspections and installations averaged out at eleven Chapters represented.

It was my pleasant duty and privilege to inspect the work and records of the fourteen Chapters in Toronto District No. 8. On each occasion we were received in a most courteous and dignified manner and in good time, and except for one occasion over which the Chapter had no control the work of the evening was started without delay.

All three degrees were conferred by the various Chapters and I found the work to be exceedingly well done. This left little to be said at the end of the degree. It is worthy of mention that in District 8 this year there is a large number of our officers who are also holding office in Craft Masonry. There are two P.D.G.M. in one Chapter. P.M.W.M's, both S. and J.W's. This, to my mind speaks well for the type of officers and at the same time should be an incentive to Craft Masons to become Royal Arch Masons.

Attendance has not been good throughout the year. In fact I was disappointed on some of my visits. I hope and trust that the ruling Principals will continue to work with their attendance committees and improve this situation. Initiations in the district are higher this year; also the number of affiliations have risen. However, withdrawals, suspensions and deaths have more than taken away the gains we had made.

My secretary, Ex. Comp. John Broadfoot, had an exceedingly good report to hand me on the books of the fourteen Chapters and at each visit he commented on the great assistance he received from the Scribe E. and the treasurer, which had made his task so much lighter.

On September 23, 1959, I had the happy privilege of addressing the W.M. officers and members of Richardson Lodge, Stouffville, who were the guests of Tyrian Chapter at the banquet hour. My subject was, "Why Royal Arch Masonry?" By the attentiveness and questions afterwards it was apparent that these Master Masons were very much interested in Royal Arch Masonry.

A District Divine Service was held in Dovercourt Road Presbyterian Church on October 4th. R. Ex. Comp. Chas. W. Emmett read the lesson and Most Ex. Comp. John Loftus House honoured us by his presence as did Most Ex. Comp. M. A. Searle. The service was conducted by Bro. the Rev. Ross K. Cameron, who gave a most inspiring message.

On Friday, October 30th, I attended a reception given by the Bay of Quinte District in honor of our Grand First Principal Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith at Belleville, Ontario. This reception was very well attended and I was very much impressed by the pride shown by my Companions of this district in the high office now held by one of their "ain folk."

R. Ex. Comp. Andrew F. Nisbet, Jr., extended to me an invitation to join him in worship at Chalmers United Church, Mount Dennis, on Sunday, November 1st, on the occasion of the Toronto District 8A Church Service, which I very gratefully accepted. I would also like to thank R. Ex. Comp. Nisbet for the many courtesies. It has been a great pleasure for me to work with him and he certainly has done his share towards forming a very close relationship between the two Districts.

On Saturday, October 31st, I had the privilege of meeting the ruling Principal, past Principals, officers and members of Tuscan Chapter, Sudbury, at a meeting of King Solomon Chapter, 888 Yonge Street. The Companions of Tuscan Chapter conferred the degree of M.E.M. There was also a trip through one of the Bell Telephone exchanges and a dinner afterwards, finishing up with some excellent entertainment which was enjoyed by all.

It makes me happy to report that the work of the ruling Principals

has been most favourable. They have made vast strides this year, assisting Chapters by their visitations who are finding it difficult to advance as fast as they had expected. They have now formed a special committee whose function it will be to have all ruling Principals in the District attend in a body at least once a year each Chapter in the District, these meetings to be separate from the official visits of the Grand Superinteandent.

I attended all meetings of the Past Principals' Association. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the officers and members for the hard work they are putting forth to further Royal Arch Masonry. They are certainly the strength needed behind this great institution of ours. Three lodges of instruction were held during the year, M.M.M. at York Chapter on Friday, December 11th, H.R.A. at St. Alban's Chapter on Friday, February 26th, M.E.M. at Victoria Chapter on Wednesday, November 2nd. I wish to thank the officers of the various Chapters for their attendance and R. Ex. Comp. Reg. J. Lewis for his assistance and the giving of his time to come (particularly in the worst snow storm of the year) that we might all gain from his vast knowledge and experience. We also enjoyed his talks at the banquet hour.

I have gained much from my year in office. I have had the counsel and advice of many past and present Grand Chapter officers, for which I am most grateful and thank one and all most sincerely. In closing I would once again thank the Grand First Principal for his confirmation and the Grand Lecturer, R. Ex. Comp. Reg. J. Lewis, who was ever ready with advice and guidance when called upon. He is truly a Royal Arch Mason who lives up to all his obligations, particularly the second, "That I will dispense assistance, light and knowledge to all uninformed brethren." May the Most High continue to give him health, wisdom, knowledge and the power to do good amongst his Companions.

Inspections, 14; installations, 12; Chapter meetings, 42; welfare meetings, 5; underprivileged to Bronte, 1; Retarded Children tours, 1; R.A.M. golf tournament, 1; District Church Services, 1; Chapter picnic, 1; Ruling Principals' meetings, 4; lodges of instruction, 3; Principals' Association meetings, 5; ladies' nights, 6; reception to Grand First Principal, 1.

To my successor I wish and hope for the same support which I have received and offer him any assistance he may require for a pleasant and successful year of office.

TORONTO DISTRICT 8A

Rt. Ex. Comp. Andrew F. Nisbet, Jr.

First I would take this opportunity to express to the Principals of this district my sincere appreciation for the signal honour which they conferred on me in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent and to Most Excellent Companion Bruce H. Smith for his kind confirmation of the same.

My earliest and pleasant duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. Robert Cruise as my secretary. He accompanied me on all of my official visits and has been of great assistance throughout the year. His friendship, co-operation and untiring efforts have been greatly appreciated and to him I extend my thanks.

District Meetings

A district meeting was held on May 27th, 1959, at the Weston Masonic Temple with all the Chapters of the district represented. Instruction was given on those points which Grand Chapter had requested that the Grand Superintendents bring to the attention of the Constituent Chapters. A paper entitled "Suggestions for the First Principals" was discussed and copies for future reference presented to those present. This paper, designed to assist the Principals in the ruling and governing of their respec-

tive Chapters, was well received. The arrangements were made for the official visits and schools of instruction as follows:

Sept. 8—Shekinah, No. 138.
Oct. 6—Mount Sinai, No. 212.
Oct. 7—Oakwood, No. 233.
Oct. 8—The St. Clair, No. 231.
Oct. 16—Humber, No. 246.
Oct. 19—Toronto-Antiquity, No. 91.
Oct. 21—Lebanon, No. 220.
Oct. 26—Centennial, No. 260.
Oct. 27—Port Credit, No. 230.
Nov. 3—Peel, No. 195.
Nov. 4—Mimico, No. 215.
Nov. 13—Occident, No. 77.
Nov. 18—King Cyrus, No. 232.
Nov. 26—Ulster, No. 219.

On all of these official visits I was graciously and cordially received and with the dignity that should be accorded the representative of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal.

Degree Work

Degree work was conferred on each of thirteen visits and exemplified on one occasion. From the very effective and efficient manner in which the work was conducted it was quite evident that those who were privileged to take part in the work had expended a great deal of time and effort in making themselves proficient. The very few deviations from the work as laid down by Grand Chapter were due either to old customs that are slow to die or to paying insufficient attention to instructions contained in the Manual of Instruction and/or printed in italics in the work. I believe that the unsung heroes of the Constituent Chapters—the Superintendents of Works—are the ones responsible for the high calibre of the work in this district. Year after year they give freely of their time and talent to ensure that each successive group of officers are properly schooled in the conferring of the degrees. Without their untiring efforts and loyalty the high standard of work to which the Compaions have become accustomed would surely disappear.

Schools of Instruction

On November 20th, 1959, a School of Instruction on the Holy Royal Arch Degree was held at Humber Chapter, No. 246. The degree was conferred by the officers and Past Principals of the Chapter in a most impressive manner. After the conferring of the degree, explanation and instruction of various parts of the degree was followed by a question and answer period.

The St. Clair Chapter, No. 231, graciously made their Chapter room available for a School of Instruction on the M.M.M. Degree which was held on February 11th, 1960. The degree was conferred by the principals of the district. There were thirty-four Principals in attendance and they were a credit to their respective Chapters in the manner in which they carried out the tasks allotted to them.

A School of Instruction on the M.E.M. Degree will be held at Port Credit Chapter, No. 230, on March 22nd, 1960. On this occasion the degree will be conferred by the officers and Past Principals of Port Credit Chapter.

To these Chapters and the Companions who have assisted we owe a debt of gratitude, for it is through schools such as these that uniformity of the work is obtained throughout the district.

District Divine Service

The District Divine Service was held on Sunday, November 1st, 1959, at 7 p.m. at Chalmers United Church, Mount Dennis. Comp. the Rev. M. P. Smith, member of Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock, delivered a

sermon which was greatly appreciated by the large attendance of Companions and their ladies.

Special Events

On May 5th, 1959, I attended Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 138, on the occasion of their Past Principals' Night. M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle presented V. Ex. Comp. Mark L. Levy with his twenty-five years installed First Principal jewel.

I attended Centennial Chapter, No. 260, at Streetsville, on June 22nd, 1959, when they played host to the Wor. Master and brethren of River Park Lodge, No. 356 G.R.C. M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith was present and was the guest speaker at the banquet hour.

I had the pleasure to assist R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett invest V. Ex. Comp. M. S. Clark with his regalia of Grand Director of Ceremonies at Humber Chapter, No. 246, on September 18, 1959. V. Ex. Comp. Clark, who is a member of Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee, Occident Chapter, No. 77, Toronto, and Humber Chapter, No. 246, Weston, was honoured by having Companions of these three Chapters in attendance.

It was a distinct pleasure to attend the District Divine Service of Toronto East District No. 8 at Dovercourt Road Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, October 4th, 1959. The Rev. Ross K. Cameron conducted the service and delivered a very impressive sermon.

I was pleased to be able to attend a reception given to our Grand First Principal by Prince Edward District No. 11 at Belleville on October 30th, 1959.

On Monday, November 30th, 1959, at the request of the Principals' Association of Toronto, Districts 8 and 8A, I made a report to them on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in District 8A.

The Principals' Association of Toronto, District 8 and 8A, held their annual dinner in the Masonic Temple, 888 Yonge Street,, on Friday, January 29th, 1960, with M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith in attendance. Wor. Bro. W. G. Colhoun of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 600, G.R.C., gave an interesting address on the subject, "Development of Park System and Recreation in the City of Toronto."

Membership

While the district once again shows a net increase in membership, unfortunately this increase is considerably lower than that of last year. A drop in the number of joinings coupled with an increased loss through withdrawals accounts, in the main, for the difference. Seven Chapters record an increase, three record a decrease and four Chapters record no change. The continued loss of members through withdrawals and suspensions is an indication, I believe, that we may have in some manner failed these Companions. Possibly, endeavouring as we have to perfect the officers in the ritual work, we have neglected to give instruction to the Companions. Instruction in those parts of the work in which they are expected to take part but in which there is no instruction included in the Degree itself. For example, how often have we heard the words, "You will be instructed before the Chapter closes, etc., etc.," only to note at the close of the evening that no instruction had been given? Instruction also in the history, symbolism and teachings of Royal Arch Masonry, for the ritual work is not of itself Masonry but only the scaffolding on which Masonry is built. In the belief that an informed Companion will be an active and interested Companion I have recommended to the Chapters that five or ten minutes be set aside at each Convocation for the purpose of instruction. To assist the Chapters in this regard I believe that a text book approved by Grand Chapter, such as the Manual for Masonic Instructors and Students published by Grand Lodge would be of great service. To this end I chose on the official visits to speak on such subjects as Membership; History, Symbolism and Teachings of the Degrees; Development of Our Ritual; Familiar Terms; His Just Due; etc.

Visitations

Inter-Chapter visitations have always been recognized as a method of maintaining the interest of the Companions. In increasing number of occasions Chapters in this district are not only exchanging visitations but also the visiting Chapter has conferred the degree on the host Chapter's candidates. This not only adds interest to the visit, thereby increasing the attendance, but also tends to encourage the officers to a greater proficiency in their work.

Relationships With Craft Lodges

It is heartening to note that more and more Chapters are realizing the benefits that are to be derived through close relationships with Craft Lodges. In the past year Companions have visited Craft Lodges wearing their Chapter jewels and have conferred the degree of the evening. Chapters have in turn played host to Craft Lodges. Other Chapters have attended Craft installation ceremonies when one of their number was to be installed as Master and have on occasion made a presentation to the Master-elect. By methods such as these Royal Arch Masonry is being brought before the brethren of our Craft Lodges.

Conclusion

It has indeed been a pleasure to have been associated with R. Ex. Comp. Frederick W. D. Welham, Grand Superintendent of Toronto East District No. 8.

I have visited each Chapter at least twice and it is with great pleasure that I report that Capitular Masonry has a bright future in Toronto District 8A.

To those Companions who by their kindness, co-operation and assistance have made this a most memorable year and to all Companions who so kindly accompanied me on the occasions of my official visits I offer my sincere appreciation.

I sincerely hope that I have merited the trust reposed in me and that in the discharge of my several duties I have in some measure been able to further the progress of Royal Arch Masonry.

To my successor I extend my sincere congratulations and pledge him my whole-hearted support. On his behalf I would request that the District offer him the same warm co-operation that I had the privilege to experience.

Finally, to M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith I voice my appreciation for the honour of serving as his representative in Toronto District 8A and trust that the coming year will be, for him, one of continued success.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9

Rt. Ex. Comp. Burnett C. Lamble

It is with some reluctance that I draw up this report on the activities of the six Chapters comprising Georgian District No. 9 during 1959 and 1960, as the time I have spent in visiting these Chapters has been heart-warming, ,of great interest as well as educational.

I wish to thank all the officers and Companions of the District that elected me to this high office which not only brought honour to myself but also to Couchiching Chapter, No. 198. Also to express my appreciation to M. Ex. Companion Bruce H. Smith for confirming my election.

Ex. Companion Jack Davies kindly consented to act as my secretary and has performed his duties in the best possible manner.

My thanks also go to the officers and Companions of Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood, Ontario, who made it possible for our District meeting, and Lodge of Instruction, to be held in the Chapter Room under special dispensation on June 10th, 1959, at which each Chapter was well represented. At this meeting various items of interest as suggested by Grand Chapter were given and well received. Also the schedule of official visits arranged as follows:

Sept. 8—Signet Chapter, Barrie.

Oct. 9—Couchiching Chapter, Orillia.
Nov. 17—Georgian Chapter, Owen Sound.
Jan. 12, 1960—Amabel Chapter, Wiarton.
Jan. 27, 1960—Manitou Chapter, Collingwood.
Feb. 8, 1960—Kichikewana Chapter, Midland.

My reception as representative of the M. Ex. Grand Z. at all Chapters was warm and friendly. A degree was exemplified on each occasion which was impressive in every way. I was pleased to see quite a number of the younger Companions taking part in the degrees, which sustains interest and attendance.

At these meetings I discussed and impressed upon the Companions the importance of increasing membership, also to try and improve attendance; gave statistics of previous year and a short address on some phase of Capitular Masonry. I am of the opinion that the general state of Capitular Masonry throughout the District is good, but as I pointed out to our members, it is up to them to improve conditions in their own Chapters by example and fortitude.

I may add that Couchiching Chapter, No. 198, is sponsoring an effort on the part of many Craft Masons of Parry Sound, Ontario, to form a Chapter in that town. Already we have initiated four or five brethren and it is hoped that this new Chapter may be formed and dedicated during 1960-1961.

In conclusion, I again would like to thank all that I have met during my duties as Grand Superintendent in the co-operation given me, especially by Past Grand Superintendents and Grand Chapter officers in general.

To my successor I offer my full co-operation and support to help make his year both interesting and rewarding.

ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 10

Rt. Ex. Comp. T. H. Burgis

In submitting my report to Grand Chapter on Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario District No. 10 I would like to include an expression of my deep appreciation of the honour which the Companions of Ontario District No. 10 conferred upon me and Ionic Chapter, No. 168, for having elected me to the office of Grand Superintendent. I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith for his confirmation of same.

It was my pleasure to appoint Ex. Comp. Joseph J. Poulton as my secretary. He accompanied me on all my offiical visits and greatly assisted me by examining all the books and records of the different Chapters. To him I wish to extend my sincere thanks for his loyal support and co-operation throughout the year.

On June 12th my secretary and myself were invited to attend the ninetieth birthday celebration of Victoria Chapter, No. 37, Port Hope, when six candidates were exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. Many Chapters of the district were represented.

On June 14th my secretary and myself attended a joint Divine Service of Ionic and Warkworth Chapters at Christ Church, Campbellford.

On June 20th a School of Instruction was held in Victoria Chapter, No. 37, Port Hope, under the direction of Rt. Ex. Comp. Reg. J. Lewis, Grand Lecturer, which was very well attended by Chapters of the District, and we were very pleased to have the Grand First Principal, Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith, attend this meeting. A great deal of information and benefit was derived by all. We are most grateful to Victoria Chapter for being hosts to this meeting.

On June 26th I was invited along with my secretary to attend the annual picnic of Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterborough, at Young's Point. Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith and many of the Grand Executive were present. A very enjoyable evening was arranged.

On October 4th a District Divine Service was held at All Saints' Angli-

can Church, Peterborough. The Rev. M. A. Poole, rector, gave an inspiring message on "Brotherhood." Lunch was served at the Masonic Temple by the Companions of Corinthian Chapter and we are indebted to them for this very fine gesture.

On October 23rd my secretary and myself attended the ninetieth birthday celebration of Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterborough. The Grand First Principal, Bruce H. Smith, and Grand Second Principal, Rt. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett were present.

On October 30th I had the pleasure of attending District No. 11 reception for Most Ex. Companion Bruce H. Smith at Belleville.

The following schedule of official visits were arranged and completed:

Sept. 25—Corinthian, No. 36, Peterborough.
Oct. 6—Pentalpha, No. 28, Oshawa.
Oct. 9—Victoria No. 37, Port Hope.
Oct. 15—Midland, No. 94, Lindsay.
Oct. 19—Palestine, No. 249, Bowmanville.
Oct. 21—King Darius, No. 134, Cannington.
Nov. 6—Excelsior, No. 45—Colborne.
Nov. 16—Ionic, No. 168, Campbellford.
Nov. 17—Keystone, No. 35, Whitby.
Nov. 18—Warkworth, No. 110, Warkworth.
Nov. 24—St. Johns, No. 48, Cobourg.

I visited all Chapters twice and some more often. On all my visits I was received with dignity and respect in all Chapters as the representative of the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal. Degrees were conferred by all Chapters, the work being very creditably performed and there was a very warm spirit of harmony and good companionship in every Chapter. I particularly stressed the need for an increase of "Quality" members and better attendance.

The privilege of serving in the position of Grand Superintendent of District No. 10 for 1959-60 term has been a wonderful experience for me and has provided many fond memories for many years to come. I wish to express my sincere thanks to all Rt. and Very Ex. Companions, Past and Present Principals and all Companions of Ontario District No. 10 who have made by term so pleasant and rewarding.

To my successor, may he be accorded the same courtesies that I have received and I would like to extend to him my good wishes for a pleasant and successful year of office and offer my assistance in any way possible.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT No. 11

Rt. Ex. Comp. Thomas C. Lloyd

As my term of office draws to a close I take pleasure in presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Prince Edward District No. 11. First let me express my thanks and appreciation to the Principals past and present of my mother Chapter and all the Chapters in the District for their assistance in my election as the representative of the Grand First Principal in this District and to Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith for his confirmation of same.

As my secretary I appointed Ex. Comp. Donald Armstrong, who accompanied me on all my official visits and was very helpful in examining the books and records of the various Chapters and bringing anything of interest to my attention. For his loyal support through the year my sincere thanks.

The Principals' Association invited me to be present at their regular meeting held in the Masonic Temple, Belleville, on May 22nd, at which time my instructions received at Grand Chapter were presented and discussed. There was a good representation from the Chapters of the District and all seemed to show great interest in getting their Chapter work

as near perfection as possible. The dates of official visits were then set up as follows:

June 17—Mount Sinai, No. 44, Napanee.
Sept. 15—Presqu'ille, No. 144, Brighton.
Sept. 24—Keystone, No. 72, Stirling.
Oct. 12—Quinte Friendship, No. 227, Belleville.
Oct. 19—Prince Edward, No. 31, Picton.
Oct. 20—St. Marks, No. 26, Trenton.
Nov. 3—Moira, No. 7, Belleville.
Nov. 23—Madoc, No. 161, Madoc.

On May 29th I attended a reception to Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith by his mother Chapter, Quinte Friendship, No. 227, Belleville. There was a large number of Companions and their ladies present at the banquet, many staying to add to a most enjoyable evening of dancing in the auditorium.

On October 30th a reception to Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith was held in the Masonic Temple, Belleville, by the Companions of Prince Edward District No. 11. This was attended by our Grand Second Principal Rt. Ex. Comp. Chas. W. Emmett, Grand Third Principal Rt. Ex. Comp. Fraser J. Hay, other Grand Chapter officers and Past Grand First Principals, many visitors from other districts as well as a large number of Companions from this district. The many friends of our Grand First Principal has made in his Masonic activities has been well displayed by the attendance at these receptions.

On my official visits I was received with dignity and respect as the representative of the Most Excellent Grand First Principal. Degrees were conferred in seven Chapters with much credit due the officers and their respective Chapter on their work, the eighth held their election of officers. As a special evening was held re my visit I gladly consented to a degree being dispensed with, having seen very efficient work performed in this Chapter on previous occasions. At my visit to Prince Edward Chapter I had the honour of presenting a twenty-five year jewel to Ex. Comp. Wilfred E. Scott, a Past First Principal of that Chapter. It is hoped he will be spared to wear it for many years.

This year Prince Edward District has shown a small increase in membership, although we had some withdrawals and suspensions. The work in the district has been almost uniform and our Chapters seem in good hands. A District Divine Service was held in St. John's Anglican Church, Madoc, on Sunday, October 11th. The service was conducted by Bro. the Rev. Canon John L. Hutchisen, L.Th., a very impressive message being conveyed to those who were fortunate enough to attend.

In conclusion may I express my sincere appreciation for the kindness and support which I have enjoyed from all the Companions, particularly the Scribe E's and Principals of the Chapters and to Rt. Ex. Comp. Ivan Caldwell, Immediate Past Grand Superintendent, for his support. My congratulations to our incoming Grand Superintendent. I know he will have the support of all the Companions of the district.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT No. 12

Rt. Ex. Comp. John C. Sim

As my term of office as Grand Superintendent is drawing to a close first let me express my gratitude to the Chapters of St. Lawrence District No. 12 for the honour conferred upon Grenville Chapter, No. 22, and myself in electing me to this high office and also to M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith for his kindness in confirming same.

My first act was to appoint Ex. Comp. A. Hilliard Adams as secretary. He accompanied me on all my official visits of inspection and performed the duties of his office with efficiency and distinction. His friendly counsel and suggestions have been most helpful and I feel confident that his contacts with the Scribe E. of the different Chapters throughout the

district have been appreciated. He reported the records of each Chapter well kept and in good order and I am very grateful to him for the wonderful assistance he has rendered me in the performance of my official duties.

On the evening of June 16th, 1959, a meeting of the past and present Principals representing all Chapters of the district was held in Grenville Chapter, No. 22, Prescott. Discussions were open for improving ways and means for larger attendance at our meetings, increasing membership and also for holding Chapter of Instruction for which plans are complete for holding same March 26, 1960 (Saturday).

District Divine Church Service was held Sunday, November 1st, at Grace United Church, Gananoque, when Rt. Ex. Comp. R. A. Payton, the minister of said church, preached a very inspiring sermon and although weather conditions and roads were bad it was very gratifying to see the large number of Royal Arch Masons who attended the service.

My official visits were as follows, each Chapter conferring a degree:

Sept. 16—Covenent Chapter, No. 113, Cornwall.
Oct. 8—Maitland Chapter, No. 68, Kemptville.
Oct. 16—Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1, Kingston.
Oct. 19—St. Johns Chapter, No. 112, Morrisburg.
Oct. 27—Leeds Chapter, No. 132, Gananoque.
November 2—Sussex St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 59, Brockville.
Nov. 10—Grenville Chapter, No. 22, Prescott.

It was received with dignity and respect everywhere I went. Degree work was conferred in a most excellent manner and there was a sincere fraternal welcome and many evidences of loyalty to the M. Ex. First Principal and to Grand Chapter.

I have endeavoured at all my official visits to stress the importance of Masonic education and to carry out the general instructions given by Rt. Ex. Comp. Lewis at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter.

I have tried to point out to the Companions the importance of character in Masonry and made this the keynote of my message to them. I was greatly pleased with the kind attention and whole-hearted response given to me on my visits throughout the district.

The Principals and officers of all the Chapters are well skilled in the discharge of their duties. In some of the Chapters there is an unusually large number of candidates being admitted and to all appearances of a quality that will make them an asset and credit to the craft.

Outstanding dues in some of the Chapters is still a problem, but there is a marked improvement in this respect.

In conclusion I have esteemed it a very high honour to have had the privilege of serving as Grand Superintendent and I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to all members of Grand Chapter and to the members of St. Lawrence District No. 12 for their generosity and kindness shown me and who have made my term so pleasant with fraternal associations. May I bespeak for my successor the same loyal support and kindness which has been so generously extended to me.

OTTAWA DISTRICT No. 13

Rt. Ex. Comp. John Sinclair

In submitting this report to Grand Chapter I would like to thank the District meeting on behalf of Kitchener Chapter for recommending me to the Grand Z. for consideration when appointing his representative in District No. 13 and also to thank Most Ex. Comp. Smith for his confirmation.

Because of illness, which prevented me from attending Grand Chapter, I am deeply grateful to M. Ex. Comp. C. McL. Pitts for consenting to install and invest me on May 28th in Ottawa Chapter.

My first duty was to appoint Ex. Comp W. M. Stanley as my secre-

tary. To him I extend my sincere thanks for his assistance through the year.

On June 7th I was present at a well attended Church Service held by St. Francis Chapter. On June 12th and 22nd held instruction and planning sessions at Kitchener and Bonnechere Chapters respectively. At the request of the Grand Z, I attended Glengarry Chapter on June 26th and presented a fifty year jewel to Ex. Comp. McDougall on behalf of Grand Chapter. On July 2nd, accompanied by Rt. Ex. Comp. Edwards, presented a fifty year jewel to Comp. J. R. Moore of Maple Chapter at his home and a twenty-five year Past Z. jewel to Ex. Comp. J. A. H. Swayne of Maple Chapter.

My official visits were as follows:

Sept. 10—Granite, No. 61, Almonte.
Sept. 17—Laurentian, No. 151, Pembroke.
Sept. 18—St. Francis, No. 133, Smiths Falls.
Sept. 25—Glengarry, No. 143, Maxville.
Oct. 2—St. John's, No. 148, Vankleek Hill.
Oct. 15—Prince of Wales, No. 226, Perth.
Oct. 19—Bonnechere, No. 114, Renfrew.
Oct. 21—Carleton, No. 16, Ottawa.
Oct. 29—Ottawa, No. 222, Ottawa.
Nov. 4—Maple, No. 116, Carleton Place.
Nov. 6—Kitchener,, No. 210, Russell.

I must include here special thanks to Rt. Ex. Comp. H. T. C. Humphries who accompanied me on almost all these visits and substituted for me on September 25th at Glengarry Chapter when I was down with a cold.

On all visits the reception was warm and friendly; the formalities of reception due the representative of the Grand First Principal were observed. The work was excellent and the participation of the Past Principals an inspiration to the younger Companions. On each visits I tried to leave a message of instruction and interpertation as well as endeavouring to generate interest in assisting Dochert Chapter which has been inactive for some years.

The reception for the Grand Z. held at Belleville by District 11 on October 30th which I attended with Rt. Ex. Comp. Gillespie and Ex. Comp. Vickers was an indication of the fraternal esteem in which M. Ex. Comp. Smith is held throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

Wednesday, December 9th, I was privileged to spend a most enjoyable evening with R. Ex. Comp. John Sim, Grand Superintendent District No. 12, when the officers and members of Kitchener Chapter visited at St. John's Chapter, Morrisburg, and occupied the chairs for the degree of the H.R.A.

On November 26th a meeting was held in Ottawa to complete the formation of our Principals' and Past Principals' Association. We immediately laid plans to revive Dochert Chapter. Well attended meetings were held on the first Monday of January, February, and on March 7th we were honoured with the presence of M. Ex. Comp Smith. His address on this occasion was an inspiration. The Grand Z. was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Lewis, Grand Lecturer, and his instructions and advice delivered by him were priceless. Rt. Ex. Comp. Edwards and the Principal's Association are to be congratulated for the work they are doing in Dochert Chapter.

The passing of Rt. Ex. Comp. Fergus McDiarmid, the "Sparkplug" of Royal Arch Masonry in District No. 13, has created a need for others to take up the torch which he carried high for so long. I know they will not fail "Fergie."

ALGOMA DISTRICT No. 14

Rt. Ex. Comp. J. A. Cox

It is a pleasant privilege to submit this report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Algoma District No. 14 at the close of my term of office as Grand Superintendent for this extensive and far-flung jurisdiction. I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Companions who elected me to this high office and appreciation to Most Excellent Companion Bruce H. Smith in confirming the election.

The first duty exercised following my election was the appointment of Ex. Comp. R. A. Asselstine as my secretary. This was a happy choice as Ex. Comp. Asselstine has faithfully performed his duties, accompanied me on all visits of inspection and through his friendly disposition has done much towards strengthening the bonds of the fraternity throughout the jurisdiction.

The following is my schedule of visits of inspection:

May 18th, 1959—Golden Star, No. 254, my mother Chapter. At the meeting the Royal Arch Degree was conferred on two candidates. This Chapter is making excellent progress. Its membership shows a substantial gain over the previous year.

September 14th—Quetico Chapter, No. 259, the youngest Chapter in the jurisdiction. This Chapter, while composed of only thirty-eight members, held ten regular and six emergent meetings during 1959. The average attendance of members at these meetings was almost fifty per cent. Twenty-one members attended Divine Service on November 29th. Membership increased by three during the year.

September 21st—Fort William Chapter, No. 140. At this meeting the Most Excellent Master Degree was conferred in an impressive manner on a class of candidates. This is a keen, hardworking Chapter which is doing much to strengthen Royal Arch Masonry in northwestern Ontario. Membership is substantially increased over the previous year.

October 15th—Atwood Chapter, No. 149, one of the older Chapters in the jurisdiction. No new candidates have been received since 1955 and there has been a steady dwindling of membership through death and other causes. The Chapter is being held together by a few faithful and devoted members.

October 28th—Golden Chapter, No. 90. This Chapter is continuing to function in a satisfactory manner. While there was a drop in membership during the year the officers are competent and keenly aware of their duty towards furthering Royal Arch Masonry in their areas. Membership decreased by nine during the year.

November 18th—Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, the oldest and largest Chapter in the district. The officers are proficient and show a lively interest in Chapter affairs.. A small increase in membership is reported for the year.

February 9th—Alberton Chapter, No. 152. Due to snow conditions the visit planned for early in November had to be abandoned. This Chapter continues to be a Masonic stronghold in northwestern Ontario. The members are friendly and industrious. My time spent with them was most pleasant. The Chapter is following a steady course and its prospects are good.

In addition to these official visits I attended at Sioux Lookout during June when Golden Star, under special dispensation, conferred the three degrees on a class of sixteen candidates. This was a busy day for the officers of Golden Star who handled the work in a creditable manner. I also assisted in the installation of the officers of Golden Star Chapter.

From the foregoing it will seem that Capitular Masonry is healthy within the district. Sixty-two candidates received further light in Masonry and there were three affiliations. Unfortunately, we lost through death more members than the combined total of all other causes.

However, in spite of these losses the district membership increased by slightly better than two and a half per cent. All Chapters are in good financial circumstances.

During my term of office, in the execution of my duties, it has been necessary to travel well in excess of seven thousand miles. One visit to each Chapter in the disrict accounts for twenty-four hundred miles and two trips to Toronto to attend Grand Chapter make up a further forty-eight hundred. These great distances tend to make inter-chapter visits almost impossible, but in spite of this isolation an excellent spirit of unity exists.

It has been an honour, a privilege and a pleasure to serve as Grand Superintendent of Algoma District No. 14. I have witnessed a fine display of fellowship wherever I have gone. I have had the opportunity of adding to my store of Masonic knowledge. It is my sincere hope that some of that knowledge may have rubbed off on those I encountered. To my successor I offer hearty congratulations and pledge support and assistance.

New Ontario District No. 15

Rt. Ex. Comp. W. McKee

In presenting this reoprt, which gives me a great deal of pleasure, may I first express my sincere thanks and appreciation of the high honour conferred upon me by the Companions of New Ontario District No. 15 in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent; also to Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith for his confirmation of my election.

My first duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. George Grieve as my secretary. I extend to him my appreciation and thanks for his faithfulness in accompanying me on all my visits and for the manner in which he carried out his duties.

On October 13 I paid my first official visit to my mother Chapter, Tuscan Chapter, No. 95, Sudbury.

Following my reception the First Principal called on V. Ex. Comp. Bregman to present Ex. Comp. J. W. Rawlins with a fifty year jewel. I am happy to report that Ex. Comp. Rawlins, notwithstanding his advanced age, is still keenly interested in Capitular Masonry.

The work for my inspection was the conferring of the Most Excellent Master's Degree. I am sure the candidates, like myself, were most impressed by the manner in which all the officers imparted their work.

At the hour of refreshment it was with pleasure that I replied to the toast to Grand First Principal and Grand Chapter. I took for my subject our responsibility and duty as Royal Arch Masons, which I felt was well received.

My official visit to Espanola Chapter, No. 257, was made on October 26th. I was accompanied by Ex. Comp. George Grieve, Ex. Comp. Mahaffy, First Principal of Tuscan Chapter, and Rt. Ex. Comp. George Shute.

On arriving at the Masonic Temple I was kindly received by Ex. Comp. Higgins, First Principal of Espanola Chapter, and was given a real Masonic welcome, after which I was shown through their new Temple, which is very beautiful. Truly it can be said that the Masons in this town are builders. All the work was done by members of Espanola Lodge and Chapter and they have every reason to mention with pride that their building is fully paid for.

The Most Excellent Master's Degree was conferred by the officers on four candidates in a most creditable manner. On the completion of the work I had the honor, on behalf of Espanola Chapter, to present M.E.M. Brother Brandon with a Masonic Bible as a token of appreciation from the Companions for his untiring efforts in taking the responsibility for the building of the new Masonic Temple.

At the refreshment hour Comp. E. Shore proposed the toast to Grand Chapter. In my reply I talked on ways and means to build and maintain interest in our Chapters.

Friday, October 30th, accompanied once again by Ex. Comp. George Grieve and Rt. Ex. Comp. George Shute, I made my visit of inspection to Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie.

On arriving at my hotel we were welcomed by Ex. Comp. P. G. Connolly and Rt. Ex. Comp. J. Earl Davison and taken to the Masonic Temple where I was introduced to a goodly number of their Companions. One could feel the warmth of spirit and co-operation that exists in this Chapter.

The Most Excellent Master's Degree was exemplified by Past First Principals under the direction of Ex. Comp. R. J. Hallam. I agreed with the candidate's remarks at the completion of the work that it was most impressive.

Those who were in attendance retired to enjoy a social hour and banquet prepared by the ladies. Ex. Comp. Hallam, acting as toastmaster, called on Ex. Comp. E. C. Price to propose the toast to Grand Chapter. In responding to the toast I commented on our responsibility for the furtherance of Capitular Masonry, followed by a talk on the Most Excellent Master's Degree.

I made my official visit of inspection to St. John's Chapter, No. 103, North Bay, on November 5th, accompanied by my faithful companion, Rt. Ex. Comp. George Shute and Ex. Companions George Grieve and John MacKay.

I was introduced to the Chapter by Rt. Ex. Comp. W. Les Brown and cordially received by Ex. Comp. J. A. Stevenson, the First Principal. I had the pleasure of seeing the officers, assisted by five Past Grand Superintendents, exalt six brethren to the Holy Royal Arch Degree. The work was exceptioinally well done and the accompanying music played by a tape recorder.

At the refreshment hour the toast to Grand Chapter was given by Ex. Comp. W. Smith. My response to the toast gave me the opportunity to suggest several ways by which all Companions can help to add support to the Chapter. Rt. Ex. Comp. W. Les Brown thanked me on behalf of the assembly.

On January 12th it was mf pleasure to be at the installation and investiture of the officers of Tuscan Chapter. Rt. Ex. Comp. George Shute, assisted by Ex. Companions J. MacKay, W. Walker and myself, performed the installation ceremonies.

Again, on January 19th I attended Espanola Chapter when the officers for 1960 were installed and invested by Rt. Ex. Comp. George Shute, who is an honourary member of Espanola Chapter, assisted by Rt. Ex. Comp. J. Boucher and myself.

On every visit to Espanola Chapter there has been four or more Companions from Pronto Mine or Blind River attending. To attend these Companiions had to make a round trip of approximately 150 miles in zero weather.

I express my thanks to Rt. Ex. Comp. George Shute, who gave unstintingly of his time and experience, accompanying me on all my visits and ready with sound advice when asked.

Finally, 1,200 miles later, I thank all the Chapters for the hospitality, kindness and co-operation extended to me and I am sure that if the enthusiasm I observed and the warm companionship that I felt in each Chapter is maintained a successful future for District No. 15 is assured.

To my successor I extend my congratulations and assure him of my support at any time.

TIMISKAMING DISTRICT No. 16

Rt. Ex. Comp. Reginald Pineger

It is with a great deal of pleasure I submit this report respecting the duties I have performed during the past year as Grand Superintendent of Temiskaming District No. 16 R.A.M., and I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the several Chapters in the district for supporting my nomination to this high office and to the Most Ex. Comp. Bruce S. Smith for his confirmation of my election.

I also wish to express my sincere thanks to Ex. Comp. E. A. Lavery who so ably acted as my secretary and accompanied me on each of my visitations.

Unfortunately, in the early part of my year adverse weather conditions prevailed and I delayed my visits. Later, snow conditions prevailed and this caused more delay. However, I visited each Chapter and was pleasantly surprised at the optimism which was shown at the several Chapters.

My official visits as Grand Superintendent were as follows:

Nov. 25—Kirkland Lake Chapter, No. 251, Kirkland Lake.
Feb. 17, 1960—Northern Lights Chapter, No. 213, Timmins.
Feb. 24, 1960—Abitibi Chapter, No. 223, Iroquois Falls.
March 10, 1960—Temiskaming Chapter, No. 169, New Liskeard.

On my visits to the several Chapters I particularly stressed the following points:

The importance of having the Chapter rooms correctly furnished, for the different degrees with the officers in correct dress, and that the Principals and officers together with their committees should at all times work and strive for the betterment of their Chapters and aim for increased attendance and membership.

I had the pleasure of observing all degrees working in the several Chapters excepting the M.E.M. degree and in all cases I found the work performed most commendable.

The furnishings and the regalia in each Chapter were found to be in excellent condition and quite adequate.

On each of my visits I was received correctly and most graciously and in a manner befitting of Royal Arch Masons.

In conclusion I would like to say that I am quite confident that in the coming year a favourable increase in membership will ensure in this district and finally wish to express my sincere thanks to the several companions who accompanied me on my visits.

EXCERPTS FROM THE GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

Most Worshipful Brother Clarence MacLeod Pitts, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and also a Past Grand First Principal, expressed his thanks and appreciation for the kind welcome extended to him by Most Excellent Companion Bruce H. Smith.

The Grand Master, in a most inspiring address, conveyed cordial and fraternal greetings from Grand Lodge and the sincere best wishes for every success and prosperity to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario in the coming years.

He left a profound impression upon his listeners of the individual responsibility of the Companions—not only in the field of Capitular Masonry, but in the broader one of Freemasonry in general.

GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

April 1, 1960

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Excellent Grand "Z" and Companions:

I submit herewith statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period March 1, 1959 — February 29, 1960:

GENERAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Balance—February 28, 1959		$ 8,831.44
Received from Grand Scribe "E":		
Rebate of Executive Committee Expenses	$ 278.87	
Receipts from Chapters	21,512.72	
Grand Convocation Receipts	1,875.00	
Transfer from Life Membership Fund	599.77	
Transfer from Chapters' Life Membership Fund	21.00	
Transfer from History Account	1,689.00	
Interest on Investments	2,692.50	
Sales to other Grand Chapters	788.50	
Sale of $1,500 Toronto General Trusts Corporation 3½%—Dec. 1, 1959, Debenture	1,500.00	
Sale of $1,500 Toronto General Trusts Corporation 3½%—Jan. 27, 1960, Debenture	1,500.00	
Sale of History	376.00	
		$32,833.36
		$41,664.80

DISBURSEMENTS

Grand Scribe "E" Office:		
Compensation	$ 4,000.00	
Assistants	4,240.00	
Rent	1,380.00	
Miscellaneous	1,555.88	
Printing:		
Proceedings	1,698.85	
General	657.81	
Travelling:		
Grand "Z"	1,500.00	
General	115.00	
Expenses:		
Grand Convocation	5,852.87	
Grand Executive	1,800.00	
Grand Historian and Reviewer	300.00	
Audit fee	500.00	
Jewels, Medals and Engraving	194.75	
Education and Instruction	9.00	
Masonic Library	125.00	
Canadian Masonic Research Association	50.00	
Transfer to Life Membership Fund	53.61	
Transfer to Chapters' Life Membership Fund	2.06	
Expenditures Chargeable to History of Grand Chapter	4,123.92	
Purchase of $1,500 Toronto General Trusts Corporation 5½%—Dec. 1, 1964, Debenture	1,500.00	
Purchase of $1,500 Toronto General Trusts Corporation 5½%—Jan. 27, 1965 Debenture	1,500.00	
Grand "Z" Regalia	387.28	
Grand "Z" Testimonial	350.00	
		$31,896.03
Balance as at February 29, 1960		9,768.77

VICTORY THANKSGIVING BENEVOLENT FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance—February 28, 1959		$1,326.63
Received from Grand Scribe "E":		
Interest on Investments	$2,240.25	
Donations	51.20	
Bank interest	29.55	
Sale of $7,000 Toronto General Trusts Corporation 3½%—Jan. 27, 1960, Debenture	7,000.00	
		9,321.00
		$10,647.63

DISBURSEMENTS

Benevolent Grants	$2,025.00	
Purchase of $8,000 Dominion of Canada 2¾%—June 15, 1968 Bonds at 82½—Plus $41.59 interest	6,641.59	
		8,666.59
Balance as at February 29, 1960		$1,981.04

GRAND CHAPTER LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance—February 28, 1959		$1,843.31
Received from Grand Scribe "E":		
Commutations	$616.39	
Interest on Investments	805.00	
Bank Interest	29.74	
Transfer from General Fund	53.61	
		1,504.74
		$3,348.05

DISBURSEMENTS

Transferred to General Fund	$599.77
Balance as at February 29, 1960	$2,748.28

CHAPTERS' LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance—February 28, 1959		$173.29
Received from Grand Scribe "E":		
Transferred from General Fund	$2.06	
Bank Interest	3.13	
		$5.19
		$178.48

DISBURSEMENTS

Transferred to General Fund	$21.00
Balance as at February 29, 1960	$157.48

Examined and Verified:
J. D. LEWARS, C.A.,
Auditor.

Respectfully submitted,
FRED W. DEAN, P.G.Z.,
Grand Treasurer.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean that:—

Resolved—That the report of the Grand Treasurer be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

I present herewith the Annual Report of Cash Receipts and Ledger Balance for the fiscal year ending February 29th, 1960.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR

March 1st, 1959, to February 29th, 1960

No.	Name of Chapter	Amount	Balance Debit	Balance Credit
1.	Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui	$228.28		$ 4.42
2.	The Hiram	178.95		
3.	St. John's, London	202.63	6.88	
4.	The St. Andrew and St. John	119.17	56.10	
5.	St. George's	200.60	1.27	
6.	St. John's, Hamilton	134.90	1.25	
7.	The Moira	221.48	2.50	
8.	King Solomon's	254.58		
15.	Wawanosh	168.08		
16.	Carleton	576.05	32.42	
18.	Oxford	163.88	.43	
19.	Mount Moriah	243.98	2.12	
20.	Mount Horeb	107.83		.43
22.	Grenville	72.53		
23.	Ezra	129.75		2.15
24.	Tecumseh	213.69		.43
26.	St. Mark's	154.18	1.28	
27.	Manitou	109.07	110.07	
28.	Pentalpha	256.28	2.85	
29.	McCallum	111.03	3.90	
30.	Huron	139.78		
31.	Prince Edward	183.63		
32.	Waterloo	143.11		5.72
34.	Signet	83.68	.42	
35.	Keystone, Whitby	92.51		.57
36.	Corinthian	325.63		
37.	Victoria, Port Hope	171.39	2.50	
40.	Guelph	200.10	.67	
41.	Harris	92.95	3.70	
44.	Mount Sinai, Napanee	99.46		.85
45.	Excelsior	51.40		
46.	St. James	89.50		.42
47.	Wellington	137.35		
48.	St. John's, Cobourg	117.08		2.70
53.	Bruce	64.25	.42	
54.	Palestine, St. Thomas	242.01		
55.	Niagara	80.23		1.30
56.	Georgian	67.85		
57.	King Hiram	133.88		11.30
58.	Pembroke (Inactive)			
59.	Sussex-St. Lawrence	272.02		3.00
61.	Granite	79.30	.65	
62.	York	169.68		
63.	Havelock	77.58		.85

No.	Name of Chapter	Amount	Balance Debit	Balance Credit
64.	Willson	132.60		2.58
65.	St. Paul's, Toronto	117.35	57.65	
66.	The Malloch	84.13		.42
67.	Enterprise	73.00		1.28
68.	Maitland	95.55		1.27
69.	Grimsby	73.88	.85	
71.	Prince of Wales, Essex	127.88		
72.	Keystone, Stirling	101.47		2.98
73.	Erie	95.92		5.00
74.	Beaver, Strathroy	94.08	1.28	
75.	St. Clair, Milton	98.88		
76.	Mount Nebo	101.35	2.50	
77.	Occident	308.38		
78.	Minnewawa	99.83		2.98
79.	Orient	82.20	39.10	
80.	Ark	219.03	4.30	
81.	Aylmer	103.10	.42	
82.	Shuniah	258.70	.35	
83.	Ionic, Orangeville	104.05		1.00
84.	Lebanon, Wingham	85.60	2.13	
88.	MacNabb	104.53		
90.	Golden	139.08		13.40
91.	Toronto-Antiquity	180.53		19.55
94.	Midland	86.86		
95.	Tuscan	348.93	4.25	
102.	Algonquin	234.36		12.12
103.	St. John's, North Bay	156.73		1.28
104.	White Oak	144.75		
110.	Warkworth	66.47	.42	
112.	St. John's, Morrisburg	122.83	2.07	
113.	Covenant	261.73		3.03
114.	Bonnechere	87.23		1.28
115.	Brant	113.65		
116.	Maple	89.66		
117.	Kitchener, Kitchener	218.41		4.45
119.	King Cyrus, Leamington	142.35		
129.	Elliott	77.80		.15
130.	Chantry	57.30	.42	
131.	Amabel	105.68		
132.	Leeds	103.99	1.00	
133.	St. Francis	181.43	3.55	
134.	King Darius	75.83	9.00	
135.	Succoth	62.88	1.27	
138.	Shekinah	301.61	1.00	
140.	Fort William	229.90	5.52	
143.	Glengarry	78.96		
144.	Presqu'ile	62.90		
145.	The St. Patrick	298.13		
146.	Bernard	133.81		3.25
147.	Lucknow	74.03		
148.	St. John's, Vankleek Hill	94.50	1.17	
149.	Atwood	43.45	.42	
150.	London	134.13		
151.	Laurentian	177.60	21.21	
152.	Alberton	146.05	1.27	
153.	Sombra	121.28	.43	
154.	Klondike		74.85	
155.	Ancaster	74.55	38.85	

No.	Name of Chapter	Amount	Balance Debit	Balance Credit
161.	Madoc	164.83	.10	
163.	The Beaches	92.75		
164.	Lorne	87.26		
167.	Kichikewana	137.43	1.70	
168.	Ionic, Campbellford	106.38	1.00	
169.	Temiskaming	82.88	.40	
175.	The Hamilton	138.21	3.40	
184.	Hugh Murray	122.28		
195.	Peel	137.19	1.28	
198.	Couchiching	174.90	98.35	
203.	Cobalt			
205.	Victoria, Thornhill	130.70		23.68
210.	Kitchener, Russell	99.68		9.00
212.	Mount Sinai, Toronto	436.45	3.40	
213.	Northern Lights	106.83	.78	
214.	Vimy	69.86	4.00	
215.	Mimico	106.38		
217.	St. Alban's	134.17	.92	
218.	Prince Edward, Shelbourne	73.98		.48
219.	Ulster	83.80		.43
220.	Lebanon, Lambton Mills	113.73	.85	
221.	Durham	51.98	1.70	
222.	Ottawa	290.16	1.25	
223.	Abitibi	91.48		2.15
224.	Keystone, Hamilton	137.80		1.45
225.	Beaver, Toronto	117.68	69.13	
226.	Prince of Wales, Perth	142.48		
227.	Quinte Friendship	213.70	5.00	
230.	Port Credit	83.66	1.00	
231.	The St. Clair, Toronto	173.70		12.50
232.	King Cyrus, Toronto	106.48		
233.	Oakwood	60.97		.43
234.	Halton	114.88		
235.	Aurora	110.11		3.42
236.	Caledonia	94.15		
238.	The St. Andrew	221.08	7.83	
239.	Blenheim	87.56	.43	
240.	Smithville	41.10	21.55	
241.	University	96.85		
242.	St. Paul's, Lambeth	62.66		
243.	McKay	63.56	28.91	
245.	Preston	75.68	48.48	
246.	Humber	156.51		
247.	Nilestown	154.58		.85
248.	Dochert	36.56	54.84	
249.	Palestine, Bowmanville	93.16	.42	
250.	Thomas Peters	205.98		
251.	Kirkland	149.63	14.25	
252.	Hiawatha	140.38		5.58
253.	Regal	108.23	1.70	
254.	Golden Star	203.25	6.80	
255.	Tillsonburg	94.66	1.00	
256.	Yukon	1.00		1.27
257.	Espanola	114.66		14.70
258.	Tyrian	32.34	3.42	
259.	Quetico	45.83	.85	
260.	Centennial	64.18		
	Grand Chapter of Alberta	100.00		

No.	Name of Chapter	Amount	Balance Debit	Balance Credit
	Grand Chapter of British Columbia	300.00		
	Grand Chapter of Manitoba	126.00		
	Grand Chapter of Quebec	100.00		
	Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan	147.50		
	Rebate of Executive Committee Expenses	278.87		
	Sales to Sundry Individuals	25.75		
	Grand Convocation Receipts	1,875.00		
		$24,143.68	$889.45	$186.10

CASH RECEIPTS

For Year Ending February 29, 1960

Credits to Constituent Chapters' Accounts:	
Receipts from Chapters	$21,512.72
Rebate of Executive Committee Expenses	278.87
Grand Convocation Receipts	1,875.00
Transfer from Life Membership Fund	599.77
Transfer from Chapters' Life Membership Fund	21.00
Transfer from History Account	1,689.00
Interest on Investments	2,692.50
Sales to other Grand Chapters	788.50
Sale of $1,500 Toronto General Trusts Corporation 3½% —Dec. 1, 1959, Debenture	1,500.00
Sale of $1,500 Toronto General Trusts Corporation 3½% —Jan. 27, 1960, Debenture	1,500.00
Sale of History	376.00
	$32,833.36

Examined and Verified,

JOHN D. LEWARS, C.A.

The Scribes E. of the respective constituent Chapters are worthy of commendation for their obvious zeal and fidelity in the discharge of their manifold important duties.

However, my short experience has taught me that many fail to take advantage of the facilities that exist at the Grand Chapter office, particularly for information which is often required in Chapter administration or the discharge of the responsibilities allocated to the Scribes E. I would urge, Scribes E., do not hesitate to seek information which is readily available at the Grand Chapter office.

At the request of the Grand First Principal, I consented to act as the Grand Scribe E. in the absence of R. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson, however, without any form of recompense.

Unfortunately, though, my protracted illness did not enable

me to fully discharge the duties of the office. Grand Chapter, however, was indeed fortunate in that R. Ex. Comp. Reginald J. Lewis made his time and talents available at all times. To him Grand Chapter owes a great debt of gratitude, as I do, personally. This, likewise, applies to Miss Gwen Moore, Secretary at Grand Chapter office, who was ably assisted by Miss Hutchings.

The statistics and other information quoted in the report above are worthy of earnest study by all members of Grand Chapter. They will, I believe, cause us to have further pride in our achievements, and will I hope stimulate all to greater endeavours for the progress of Royal Arch Masonry and the Grand Chapter in general.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. SEARLE,

Acting Grand Scribe E.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. F. J. Johnson that:—

Resolved—That the report of the Grand S. E. be received and adopted.

AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Most Excellent Companion, Bruce Harrison Smith, Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, Temple Building, Toronto, Ontario.

March 14, 1960

Most Excellent Sir:

I have made my regular examination of the books of account and supporting records of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer of Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada for the fiscal year ended February 29, 1960. From this examination, I have prepared the statements listed below and I now present them together with my comments thereon:

Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet as at February 29, 1960.
Exhibit "B"—Comparative Revenue and Expenditure Account for the year ended February 29, 1960.
Schedule "1"—The Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund as at February 29, 1960.
Schedule "2"—The Life Membership Fund—Grand Chapter as at February 29, 1960.
Schedule "3"—The Chapters' Life Membership Fund as at February 29, 1960.

COMMENTS

The Petty Cash Fund, shown in Exhibit "A" was counted from time to time during the fiscal year ended February 29, 1960 and again on March 10, 1960 and found to be in order on each occasion. The bank balances of the several accounts and funds as set out in Exhibit "A" and Schedules "1", "2" and "3" were verified as at February 29, 1960 and all bank transactions in these several accounts during the fiscal year then ended were examined.

The Accounts Receivable from the various Chapters were reviewed in detail and appear to be proper charges. In my opinion, the Reserve for Uncollectible Accounts, in the amount presently provided, should prove adequate to cover probable losses.

The computation of the accrued interest in the several funds was checked and found to be in order.

The investments of the several Funds are set out in detail in Exhibit "A" and Schedules "1" and "2". They were counted on March 10, 1960 and were found to be in order.

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to be held in the place and custody authorized by the Grand Chapter.

So far as I was able to ascertain, from due inquiry of the Officials concerned and from the information presently available, all known liabilities of the various Funds were taken up in the books of account as at February 29, 1960 and are reflected in the attached statements.

Details of the operations of the General Fund for the fiscal year ended February 29, 1960, as shown by the books of account of the Grand Scribe E., are set out in Exhibit "B" and compared with the Budget for the fiscal year under review, as approved by Grand Chapter.

The actuarial soundness of the Life Membership Fund of Grand Chapter has not been tested, checked or verified, since the inception of this Fund.

As in preceding years, interim examinations were made of the books of account of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer and tentative interim reports were submitted as of August 31, 1959, and November 30, 1959. I have tested the annual returns from the constituent Chapters and I have obtained all of the information and explanations which I have required. My examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of the accounting records and other supporting evidence as I deemed necessary under the circumstances.

In my opinion, the attached Balance Sheet and related statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario as at February 29, 1960, subject to the qualifications contained in the foregoing comments, and the results of operations for the year then ended, according to the best of my information and the explanations afforded to me, as shown by the books of the Grand Chapter.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JOHN D. LEWARS, C.A.,
Auditor.

Exhibit "A"

BALANCE SHEET AS AT FEBRUARY 29, 1960

ASSETS

Current Assets:			
Petty Cash Fund		$ 283.76	
Cash in bank		9,768.77	
Accounts Receivable—Chapters	$703.35		
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	129.69		
		573.66	
Due from Life Membership Fund—Grand Chapter		2,493.90	
Accrued Interest on Investments		1,020.20	
			$14,140.29
Investments:			
Govt. of Canada—4½%—1983		$22,500.00	
Province of Ontario—2¾%—1968		6,000.00	
Province of Ontario—3%—1977		4,000.00	
H.E.P.C. of Ontario—3½%—1979		28,000.00	
H.E.P.C. of Ontario—4%—1974		6,000.00	
Toronto General Trusts—5½%—1965		1,500.00	
Toronto General Trusts—5½%—1964		1,500.00	
Metropolitan Toronto—3½%—1975		2,000.00	
		$71,500.00	
Less: Unamortized Discount		544.64	
			70,955.36
Furniture and Fixtures		1,504.83	
Less: Allowance for Depreciation		1,490.21	
			14.62
Grand Chapter—Library			250.00
Grand Council—Regalia			75.00
Deferred Charges—Liability Insurance			1,328.19
Special Funds:			
The Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund (Sch. "1")		63,063.70	
The Life Membership Fund (Sch. "2")		23,515.25	
The Chapters' Life Membership Fund (Sch. "3")		157.48	86,736.43
			$173,499.89

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable			$ 500.00
Unexpended Reserves:			
Education		$562.57	
Library		100.00	662.57
Reserve for Special Funds			86,736.43
General Reserve:			
Balance—March 1, 1959		84,088.68	
Add—Net Revenue (Exhibit "B")		1,512.21	85,600.89
			$173,499.89

COMPARATIVE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

REVENUE

Exhibit "B"

	Estimated Revenue	Actual Revenue	Balances Over* or Under
Fees	$ 2,800.00	$ 2,796.00	$ 4.00
Dues	16,300.00	16,693.00	*393.00
Life Membership Dues	2,550.00	2,493.90	56.10
Dispensations and Warrants	150.00	164.00	*14.00
Sale of Supplies	2,200.00	2,351.50	*151.50
Sale of History of Grand Chapter	2,000.00	488.00	1,512.00
Interest on Investments	2,692.00	2,762.14	*70.14
Total Revenue	$28,692.00	$27,748.54	$ 943.46
Total Expenditure	27,775.18	26,236.33	1,538.85
Net Revenue	$916.82	$1,512.21	$595.39

EXPENDITURES

Grand Scribe E:	Estimated Expenditure	Actual Expenditure		Balances Over* or Under
Compensation	$4,800.00	$4,000.00		$ 800.00
Office Assistants	3,240.00	4,240.00		*1,000.00
Rent	1,380.00	1,380.00		
Miscellaneous	800.00	962.42		*162.42
	$10,220.00		$10,582.42	
Foreign Correspondence— Reviewer	300.00		300.00	
Audit Fee	500.00		500.00	
Printing:				
Proceedings	1,700.00	1,698.85		1.15
General	600.00	726.71		*126.71
	$2,300.00		$2,425.56	
Travelling:				
Grand Z	2,000.00	2,000.00		
General	800.00	223.40		576.60
	$2,800.00		2,223.40	
Expenses:				
Convocation	3,500.00	4,133.02		*633.02
Executive Committee	1,800.00	1,661.13		138.87
	$5,300.00		$5,794.15	
Jewels and Engraving	600.00		184.59	415.41
Grant to Masonic Library	125.00		125.00	
Grant to Can. Masonic Res. Assoc.	50.00		50.00	
Chapters' Life Membership Fund	2.00		2.06	*.06
Liability Insurance	1,328.18		1,328.18	
Printing History of Grand Chapter	1,000.00		1,912.00	*912.00
Supplies for Resale	2,200.00			2,200.00
Regalia—Grand Z and Grand H	700.00		429.28	270.72
Testimonial—I.P.G.Z.	350.00		350.00	
Provision for Doubtful Accounts			29.69	*29.69
Total Expenditure	$27,775.18		$26,236.33	$1,538.85

Schedule "1"

THE VICTORY THANKSGIVING FUND

As at February 29, 1960

Balance—March 1, 1959		$62,714.50
Add:		
Bank Interest	$ 29.55	
Bond Interest	2,224.07	
Amortization of Bond Discount	174.10	
	$2,427.72	
Less—Amortization of Bond Premium	29.72	2,398.00
Donations		51.20
		$65,163.70
Deduct—Benevolence		2,025.00
Balance—February 29, 1960		$63,138.70

ASSETS

Cash in Bank		$1,981.04	
Accrued Interest on Investments		854.59	2,835.63
Investments:			
Govt. of Canada—4½%, 1983		$16,700.00	
Province of Ontario—3%, 1965		9,000.00	
Province of Ontario—3%, 1966		3,000.00	
Province of Ontario—2¾%, 1968		1,000.00	
Province of Ontario—3%, 1969		9,000.00	
Province of Ontario—3%, 1977		8,000.00	
H.E.P.C. of Ontario—4½%, 1967		6,500.00	
H.E.P.C. of Ontario—3½%, 1979		2,000.00	
Govt. of Canada—2¾%, 1968		8,000.00	
		$63,200.00	
Deduct—Unamortized Discount	$3,085.51		
Less—Unamortized Premium	188.58	2,896.93	60,303.07
			$63,138.70

Schedule "2"

THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND—GRAND CHAPTER

As at February 29, 1960

Balance—March 1, 1959		$24,471.91
Add:		
Interest on Investments	$805.00	
Amortization of Discount	12.50	
Bank Interest	29.74	
Commutations Issued	690.00	1,537.24
		$26,009.15
Life Membership Dues		2,493.90
Balance—February 29, 1960		$23,515.25

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets:			
Cash in Bank		$2,748.28	
Due from Chapters		61.28	
Accrued Interest on Investments		268.34	
Investments:			
Metropolitan Toronto — 3½%, 1975	23,000.00		
Less: Unamortized Discount	68.75	22,931.25	26,009.15
Liabilities:			
Due to General Fund			2,493.90
			$23,515.25

Schedule "3"

THE CHAPTERS' LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

As at February 29, 1960

Balance—March 1, 1959		$173.29
Add:		
Bank Interest	$3.13	
Transer from General Fund	2.06	5.19
		$178.48
Deduct—1959 Chapter Dues Transferred to General Fund and Credited to Chapters' Accounts		21.00
Balance—February 29, 1960		$157.48

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	$157.48

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean, that:—

Resolved—That the Auditor's Report be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Your Committee on Printing has received the expenditures for the year ending February 29th, 1960, and submits the following analysis in support thereof:

Printing Proceedings	$1,698.85
Printing—General	726.71
	$2,425.56

It is respectfully requested that the following monies be placed at the disposal of the Printing Committee for the fiscal year of 1960-1961:

Printing Proceedings	$1,700.00
Printing—General	700.00
Printing for Resale	2,400.00
	$4,800.00

Fraternally submitted,

R. EX. COMP. H. A. FRED SCHYTTE, Chairman.

R. EX. COMP. A. F. NISBET, JR.

R EX. COMP. B. C. LAMBLE

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. H. A. Fred Schytte, that:—

Resolved—That the Report of Printing Committee be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Your Committee on Investments reports the following:

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Toronto General Trusts Corporation, 5½%—Dec. 1, 1964, registered	$1,500.00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation, 5½%—Jan. 27, 1965, registered	1,500.00
Province of Ontario—2¾%—July 15, 1968, registered	6,000.00
Province of Ontario—3%—Oct. 15, 1977, registered	4,000.00
Hydro Electric Power Commission, 4%—July 15, 1974, registered	6,000.00
Hydro Electric Power Commission, 3½%—Oct. 15, 1979, registered	28,000.00
Dominion of Canada, 4½%—Sept. 1, 1983, registered	22,500.00
City of Metropolitan Toronto, 3½%—May 2, 1975, bearer	2,000.00
	$71,500.00

VICTORY THANKSGIVING BENEVOLENT FUND

Province of Ontario, 3%, April 15, 1965, registered	$9,000.00
Province of Ontario, 3%, Nov. 1, 1966, registered	3,000.00
Province of Ontario, 2¾%, July 15, 1968, registered	1,000.00
Province of Ontario, 3%, Nov. 1, 1969, registered	9,000.00
Province of Ontario, 3%, Oct. 15, 1977, registered	8,000.00
Hydro Electric Power Commission, 4¼%, Nov. 1, 1967, registered	6,500.00
Hydro Electric Power Commission, 3½%, Oct. 18, 1979, registered	2,000.00
Dominion of Canada, 2¾%, June 15, 1968, bearer	8,000.00
Dominion of Canada, 4½%, Sept. 1, 1983, bearer	200.00
Dominion of Canada, 4½%, Sept. 1, 1983, registered	16,500.00
	$63,200.00

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

City of Metropolitan Toronto, 3½%, May 2, 1975, bearer	$23,000.00

Your Committee on Investments has had meetings with the Grand Scribe E., during the year.

The assistance and advice given by the members of the Finance Committee, the Grand Treasurer, and Most Excellent Companion Smith, is sincerely appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

RT. EX. COMP. F. CARL ACKERT,
Chairman.

March 16, 1960.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. F. C. Ackert, that:—

Resolved—That the report of the Investment Committee be received.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS AND DISPENSATIONS

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee wish to report that there has been one application for a Warrant of Constitution received.

A group of interested Companions have made application to form a Chapter to be named "Seguin Chapter" in the Town of Parry Sound.

This application being received too late for positive action at this time, with your permission Most Excellent Sir, your Committee recommends that it be received and referred back to this Committee for further investigation.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

F. W. D. WELHAM,
JOSEPH A. HEARN,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by V. Ex. Comp. J. A. Hearn, and:—

Resolved—That this report be accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

The M. E. Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of Grand Chapter

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It is again a pleasure to your Committee on Grievances and Appeals to report that no cases of such have been brought to our attention during the past year; so it is considered that peace and happiness are in the ascendency in this jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. N. BRADSHAW,
Chairman.
JOHN M. BURDEN

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, and—

Resolved—That the Report of the Committee on Grievance and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE GRAND Z.'s ADDRESS

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Your Committee has reviewed the address of our Grand First Principal, Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith, and joins with him in his fraternal greetings to our distinguished guests. Particularly, and with pride, do we concur in his welcome to our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Clarence M. Pitts, and to our Grand Secretary Right Worshipful Brother and Companion Ewart Dixon. More than a quarter of a century has elapsed since one of our Past Grand First Principals was elected to the office of Grand Master. On your behalf, we echo the wish of our Grand Z. that our Grand Master will be greatly blessed during his term of office and given strength by the Great Architect to perform his present

heavy responsibilities with the vision and energy he displayed when he was the Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter. To our guests from our Canadian and Sister Jurisdictions and from the United States of America we express the hope that the goodwill and fraternal amity existing between us will be further strengthened by our meeting together during this Grand Convocation.

We unite with our Grand Z. in his words of sympathy to all who mourn the loss of our Companions who have faithfully served this Grand Chapter. The empty chairs speak to us of "those loved long since and lost awhile".

The official visits of Most Excellent Companion Smith have been many and the statement of his visits shows that in his efforts to faithfully discharge the duties of his office he has given time and energy to further the cause of Royal Arch Masonry and to enhance the esteem in which our Grand Chapter is held. As you read the list of these visitations you will realize, as we do, that our Companions should bear in mind that there is a limit to the time and the health of our Grand Z.

Your Committee approves our Grand Z.'s appointment of Grand Representatives and compliments him on his selections.

We are conscious of the pride with which M. E. Comp. Smith pays tribute to our veterans in Masonry and to those who have been awarded long service jewels as evidence of our esteem. We congratulate these veteran Companions and wish for them long and faithful service.

Your Committee endorses the commendation of the efforts of the Royal Arch Masons' Welfare Committee of Toronto and agrees that their efforts are worthy of encouragement.

We concur in the recommendation of our Grand First Principal that Past Rank be conferred on the First Principal of King Hiram Royal Arch Chapter Number 7 and on the First Principal of McKay Chapter Number 243, who were prevented from serving the full time of office as required by the Constitution and submit same to Grand Chapter for approval.

The dispensations granted by our Grand Z. appear to be in order, and subject to the powers conferred on him are confirmed.

Your Committee is pleased to note that the history of Grand Chapter has been completed and is now available to all Companions. We urge that every Companion possess a copy so that he may have recorded evidence of our Grand Chapter during the past years.

Your Committee approves of our Grand Z.'s recommendation that Very Excellent Companion Joseph A. Hearn be elected to Honourary Membership in our Grand Executive and recommends that Grand Chapter concur.

Your Committee has considered the recommendation of our Grand First Principal that fraternal recognition be accorded to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Argentina; the National Grand Chapter Helvetia of Royal Arch Masons of Switzerland; and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Netherlands. As this decision is made by Grand Chapter in Convocation, your Committee, having in mind the conditions existing in some countries, must consider the prerogatives necessary for such recognition. First, the Grand Lodge from which the Grand Chapter seeking recognition obtains its members must be in fraternal relationships with the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and secondly, the Grand Chapter seeking recognition should give an assurance that it obtains its members only from the Lodges forming part of a Grand Lodge so recognized. These conditions with reference to these three Grand Chapters appear to have been fulfilled and your Committee concurs in our Grand Z.'s recommendation and asks that recognition be accorded with the usual exchange of representatives.

Our Grand First Principal, has stressed the ever present problem of membership and noted, as we are aware, the depletion in our membership

by the transfer of the Chapters in the Yukon to the Grand Chapter of British Columbia. This should not be a matter of regret as it was the decision of our Grand Chapter. Nevertheless, his counsel demands our utmost consideration and serious study should be given. In the past, we have been advised by the Chairmen of our Committees as they seriously and conscientiously reported on this matter, but very little appears to have been done. His suggestion that all Chapters appoint an active Membership Committee meets with our approval.

Your Committee pays sincere tribute to the zeal with which our Grand Z. has performed his duties during the past year, and we assure him he has earned the respect of all Royal Arch Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. N. BRADSHAW
J. L. HOUSE
M. S. GOODERHAM
M. A. SEARLE
F. W. DEAN
JOHN M. BURDEN, Chairman.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. J. M. Burden, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean, and:—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on the Grand Z's Address be received and adopted.

GRAND HISTORIAN ELECTED

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay, and:—

Resolved—That R. Ex. Comp. B. S. Scott be elected Grand Historian.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent Grand "Z", Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario

Most Excellent Grand "Z" and Companions:

Your Committee on Benevolence has considered the Applications for Relief and we recommend that an appropriation be made in the Estimates for the coming Grand Chapter year for Grants to the following:

1	Widow of G. McN.	$150.00
5	Widow of G. S. M.	200.00
8	Widow of R. J.	150.00
16	Widow of W. J. N.	200.00
53	Daughter of J. S.	150.00
62	Widow of J. B.	150.00
81	Companion R. E. M.	100.00
102	Companion T. W.	200.00
145	Daughter of J. C.	200.00
Special	Widow of E. S.	200.00
241	Widow of W. S. M. E.	200.00
246	Companion B. F.	150.00
		$2,050.00

We further recommend that an amount of $600.00 be provided for Interim Relief, if it be needed before the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Several years ago your Committee on Benevolence revised the form of application to be used by Chapters when applying for Benevolence. We strongly urge all concerned in the preparation of these applications to see that they are properly completed, full in formation furnished and that the completed forms are in the hands of the Grand Scribe "E" not later than January 31st. Much valuable time is lost and no doubt hardship

created by failure to properly follow instructions contained on these forms.

Fraternally submitted,

Committee on Benevolence
D. C. PATMORE
R. N. McELHINNEY
F. W. DEAN, Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean, and:—

Resolved—That the Report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay, and:—

The following Companions comprise the Committee on Benevolence and are members of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter for the respective years:

R. Ex. Comp. R. N. McElhinney, retires 1961.
M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean, retires in 1962.
R. Ex. Comp. D. C. Patmore, retires in 1963.

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

To the Most Excellent the Grand Zerubbabel, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Most Excellent Sir & Companions:

The report of the Committee on Awards for the Distinguished Service Medal is again brief. During the past year a preliminary application was presented but was not favourably considered and very late in the year four additional preliminary applications were presented and your Committee felt that in order that the fullest information could be obtained and be available in connection with the Companions so suggested for the Award, that a questionnaire should be drafted to be submitted by the First Principal and Scribe E. of the Chapter, containing the necessary information with regard to the Companion proposed. A copy of the questionnaire, as drafted by the Committee, is attached hereto. Three of these have been returned, properly filled out and in satisfactory form that the Committee now recommends that the individual Chapters take the necessary steps through notice of motion in their Chapter, and the subsequent approval by Companions of the Chapter by majority vote that the Companions should be so recognized. We regret that one of those recommended has died in the interval and also we regret that time does not permit the approval at this Grand Chapter of these awards to the three remaining Companions, but we trust that we may be in a position to make a complete report in this regard to the next Annual Convocation.

We would point out that there have been only six of these awards made since they were instituted in 1946 and that it is intended that they should be a reward for "Distinguished Service" rather than simply "Interested Service" to Capitular Masonry by a Companion who has never been and is not likely ever to be a First Principal of his Chapter.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

C. M. PITTS, P.G.Z., Chairman.
A. G. N. BRADSHAW, P.G.Z.
J. M. BURDEN, P.G.Z.

It was moved by Rt. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by Most Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Awards for Distinguished Service Medal be received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

The following Companions comprise the Committee on Awards for the Distinguished Service Medal, for Grand Chapter for their respective terms:

M. EX. COMP. C. M. PITTS, 1963, Chairman.
M. EX. COMP. A. G. N. BRADSHAW, 1962.
M. EX. COMP. J. M. BURDEN, 1961.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee has carefully studied the reports of the Grand Superintendents as submitted for each District in our jurisdiction. We are most happy to report that all Districts filed a statistical report and most of the Grand Superintendents in addition forwarded a very comprehensive coverage of the year's activities in their respective Districts.

Your Committee would like to direct the attention of the incoming Grand Superintendents to the importance of submitting their reports and comments promptly so as to allow adequate time for their study and recapitulation.

When the reports of the Grand Superintendents are studied it becomes very clear that our Grand First, Second and Third Principals have been extremely active and have visited many Chapters and Districts, not only taking an active part in the work of the Chapters but in addition delivering many inspiring addresses to the assembled Companions. It was their happy privilege during the course of this year to present jewels for fifty years' service in Royal Arch Masonry and also to present several twenty-five year past Principals' jewels to some of the Companions.

It is noteworthy that our three Grand Principals have travelled a considerable distance to attend a convocation on one evening and then move to almost the exact end of the province for a meeting the following night. This, you will agree, takes stamina and endurance, and we pray that the Almighty will continue to endow them with good health so as to enable them to carry on their inspired leadership in the years to come. They have been truly well chosen for their allotted tasks.

We would be remiss in our report if we neglected to mention the equally arduous duties performed by Right Excellent Companion Lewis, our Grand Lecturer. He, too, has travelled extensively, dispensing light and knowledge to his Companions wheresoever dispersed within our provincial boundaries.

This year has brought many changes in our usual routines. Our good friend, Right Excellent Companion Fred Johnson left us temporarily to sojourn with his relatives in distant lands. M. Ex. Companion Maurice Searle, who is well beloved among us, has taken over his duties and is acting Grand Scribe E. As many of you know, M. Ex. Comp. Searle has suffered some ill health recently and we are all so pleased to see him back amongst us and beginning to look like his usual cheerful self once again. Our prayers for him are for a full and speedy recovery, and in so saying we must admit to some selfishness. His inspiration and enthusiasm are greatly needed just as we need the continued support and guidance so freely and wisely given by our Past Most Excellent Companions. We as Companions of our order, are singularly blessed to have had such capable and distinguished Companions to give us leadership over the years.

Information from various Chapter sources indicate that our Grand Superintendents have done a remarkably fine job in their different dis-

tricts. We have already mentioned the very comprehensive reports sent in by them and we know from these reports that we have many dedicated Companions within our ranks.

While your Committee looks forward to the future of Capitular Masonry in Ontario there are none the less certain areas of concern about which all Companions should be made aware.

Membership

The net loss in membership this year over last year is of prime importance. Strong emphasis must be placed on this stragetic area of our endeavours. It is a matter of real concern to all of us and it must be noted here that after allowing for the transfer of the Yukon District to the Grand Chapter of British Columbia we have experienced our first net loss in members in many years. This points up very sharply the necessity of a careful study on possible potential new members by each of our constituent Chapters. For many years it has been suggested that our membership should be on a ratio of more than one to six with Craft Masonry. Our total membership this year is somewhat less than that suggested ratio which in the opinion of your Committee is hardly adequate at best.

We have a very tangible offering to make to Craft Masons—we can assure them the completion of their Master Mason Degree. This fact should be presented to Craft Masons at every opportunity, and your Committee urges that each and every Chapter in our jurisdiction do something about this situation and DO IT NOW.

For your information seventy Chapters showed a decrease in membership in 1959; sixty-seven Chapters had an increase, and twenty Chapters were just even with last year's returns. This is an extremely serious situation and this Committee in its report is underscoring the urgency of this situation.

Finance

If we may touch on finance for a moment, and we do only insofar as it concerns the condition of Capitular Masonry in our jurisdiction, we would like to point out that the average dues for all Chapters works out to about $6.50 per resident member. In view of current costs and expenses it would seem reasonable that those Chapters who are still working on a $4 or less annual dues should consider increasing them at least up to the $6.50 average already mentioned.

Attendance

Attendance at many of our convocations was a matter of great concern, and throughout the reports of the District Superintendents this subject was frequently interjected. The average attendance at our meetings this year—members and visitors, all meetings, regular and emergent—was 27.2 members. We are not getting nearly enough members out to our meetings. This matter should be discussed in open Chapter and plans made to improve it. Ways and means should be considered, attendance committees formed and we stress attendance committees that will function. Your Committee suggests that you do not wait for the other fellow to do something about it. You as a member of your Chapter should do something about it at your very next meeting. Make a determined effort to get more members out and more members active.

Outstanding Dues

From the reports of the Grand Superintendents we gather information as regards outstanding dues and are deeply concerned over the total amount that is outstanding. We are all aware that outstanding dues eventually means (in most cases) a withdrawal or a suspension, and either one of these items deplete our total membership. Membership, attendance, proper dues and their prompt payment are all integrated and each factor plays a significant part in the strength and well-being of our individual Chapters.

Active, wide-awake Chapters are healthy, vigorous Chapters; work is well planned and properly executed. To keep our standards of degree

work high and so insure uniformity in their execution we are happy to report that many Chapters and Lodges of Instruction were held during 1959. These were of considerable benefit as well as being extremely interesting. As an indication of the benefits derived from such instruction a table of percentages was contrived to fix values for the terms excellent, very good, good, etc., which comments appear on the Grand Superintendents' reports. These percentages were applied to the aforementioned terms and it is with some gratification that we report our average in execution of degree work was upwards of 85 per cent.

Benevolence

Benevolence is a word of broad meaning, and your Committee is proud to report that Benevolence was practised through financial assistance by many of the Chapters throughout the jurisdiction. As one persued the reports of the Grand Superintendents it was quite evident that Benevolence was also prevalent in the many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness on behalf of not only our own Companions but also to those outside our portals.

Divine Services

District Divine Services were held in most Districts and were for the most part well attended. In some Districts the distance involved made a District Divine Service well nigh impossible. In many of these areas, however, Chapters which were located close enough together held combined Services for the mutual benefit and the fraternization of the Companions in their area.

It was observed from reports that Right Excellent Companion Cox of Algoma District travelled about seven thousand miles to cover his visitations and to attend Grand Chapter. Some Companions attended Espanola Chapter from a distance of seventy-five miles, or a round trip of one hundred and fifty miles. With such zeal it is understandable why we can look forward confidently to a bright future in Capitular Masonry in our jurisdiction.

In conclusion we would like to pay tribute to our Senior Companions, some of whom leave us each year for service in the Grand Chapter above. This year, as in others, we have temporarily lost contact with many dedicated and zealous Companions, and the Committee on Fraternal Dead will enumerate them; but we feel we must mention one name, that of Ex. Comp. George Norman of Sombra Chapter, Wallaceburg. Ex. Comp. Norman passed on just short of his ninety-second birthday and we are informed he was still active in degree work up until about a month before his death.

Companions, with such an example of fidelity and such a wealth of leadership, such a depth of sincere purposeful men dedicated to Royal Arch Masonry, your Committee, in spite of some areas of concern, can only report that the condition of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction is extremely good.

All of which is respectively and fraternally submitted.

EARL K. RUPERT
W. McKEE
J. A. COX
R. PINEGAR
B. C. DAMUDE, Vice-Chairman.
STAN PORTCH, Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Stan Portch, and:—

Resolved—That the report of the Special Committee on Conditions of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario

The Committee on Finance submits the following report for the year ending February 29, 1960.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer, the Auditor and the Grand Scribe E. for the year ending February 29, 1960, have been reviewed by the members of this Committee, and these reports are now being submitted to this grand body for consideration.

We find these reports fully and accurately set out details and transactions of the financial position of this Grand Chapter for the fiscal year. All items of receipts and disbursements in respect to the General Fund, the Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund, the Life Membership and Chapters' Life Membership Fund are properly detailed, and these reports contain complete schedules of the securities in which these funds are now invested.

Exhibit "A" is a balance sheet showing all assets and liabilities of the Grand Chapter. It includes the funds which are entrusted to and over which the Grand Chapter has control. Your Finance Committee is pleased to note the reduction in the amounts owing to Grand Chapter by the constituent chapters, from $955 in 1959 to $703 in 1960; nevertheless, this is still considerably higher than previous years and we must again urge the constituent chapters to make their remittances more promptly.

There is an amount of $2,493.90 due from the Life Membership Fund and your Finance Committee recommends for your approval that this amount be transferred to the General Fund .

Among the liabilities you will note that there is an unexpended reserve of $562.57 for Masonic Education and $100 for Library, making a total of $662.57. While this reserve has been carried for several years we are recommending that it be again carried for 1960, and that the Finance Committee after investigation make their recommendation for your approval to cancel it in 1961.

The Comparative Revenue and Expenditure Account marked Exhibit "B" indicates that our revenue of $27,748.54 was in excess of our expenditures of $26,232.33, providing a net revenue of $1,538.85, and was $595.39 higher than budgeted. This was made possible by a reduction in expenditure of $1,538.85 of which the main item was $2,200 for supplies for resale to the constituent chapters, and a reduction in the General Travelling Expense of $576.60 during the latter part of the year. There was also an improvement in revenue from dues of $393. The sale of "Grand Chapter History" was disappointing and was $1,512 less than budgeted.

The details of the receipts and expenditures of the Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund, the Life Membership Fund and the Chapters' Life Membership Fund are set out in schedules 1, 2 and 3. You will note that the income account of the Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund has increased by $424.20 composed of donations of $51.20 and unspent accrued interest of $373.

Our securities have been examined and certified by our auditor. They are held in a place and custody authorized by Grand Chapter. The par value covering all securities is $157,700 which is $1,000 higher than 1959, but owing to the amount expended on our Centennial Convocation our securities are $16,000 less than reported at the end of our fiscal year in 1958.

In submitting the following budget of Revenue and Expenditures we have taken into consideration a slightly reduced revenue due to a couple of Chapters being in difficulty. We expect to maintain a good control of expenditures and the only major increase will be $500 to meet the increased costs of holding this convocation.

The following is our estimate of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending February 28, 1961.

Revenue and Expenditures for Fiscal Year Ending February 28, 1961

Revenue		
Registration Fees		$ 2,750.00
Dues per capita		16,500.00
Life Membership Dues		2,500.00
Dispensations and Warrants		150.00
Interest on Investment and Funds on Deposit		2,775.00
Receipts from Sale of Supplies	$2,400.00	
Sale of Grand Chapter History	550.00	2,950.00
		$27,625.00
Expenditures		
Grand Scribe E. Compensation		$4,800.00
Secretarial		3,240.00
Telephone, postage and miscellaneous		800.00
Rent		1,380.00
Foreign Correspondence		300.00
Printing Proceedings	$1,700.00	
Printing Supplies for Sale to Constituent Chapters	2,400.00	
Printing—General	700.00	4,800.00
Travelling Grand Z.	$2,000.00	
General	700.00	2,700.00
Audit Fee		500.00
Expense of Convocation	$4,000.00	
Executive Committee	1,800.00	5,800.00
Education		——
Jewels and Engraving	$ 300.00	
Grant to Masonic Library	125.00	
Grant to Canadian Masonic Research Association	50.00	
Chapter Life Membership Fund	2.00	
Liability Insurance	1,328.18	1,805.18
		$26,125.18
Estimated Net Surplus		$1,500.00

Your Finance Committee would like to express appreciation to our Grand Z. for his untiring efforts in not only carrying out the duties of his office but assisting with the duties of the Acting Grand Scribe E. during his unfortunate illness. We would also express our appreciation to Rt. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson who has served this Grand Chapter for many years. This Grand Chapter is extremely fortunate to have Companions such as Rt. Ex. Comp. Reg. J. Lewis who voluntarily stepped in to fill the gap during the illness of our Acting Grand Scribe E., and to him we owe a special vote of appreciation.

All of this is fraternally and respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

J. E. GIRVEN, Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. E. Girven, and:—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

How fitting to pause in the business of this Convocation of Grand Chapter to pay a tribute of respect and affection to our Fraternal Dead. Words are poor tools with which to fashion the appreciation which all our hearts would like to express today. The distance between abstraction and living reality is always great, but never more baffling than when we try to appraise the life, mission and character of those known so intimately to us but who have now passed beyond our visible sight into the Grand Chapter above. Some had passed the three score years and ten and some were young men.

At a moment such as this the great gift of memory seems most precious. It is wonderful to walk with the Most High, to lie down in green pastures, to walk beside still waters, to walk through the garden of beautiful memories. He helps us forget sorrow and despair and remember the good and the beautiful. He leads us in the paths of righteousness, and feeds our souls with His goodness and mercy. Thus we walk with the hope that when we come to the end of our days our record in the Book of Life will win the commendations not only of our Companions but primarily of God.

We honour alike those who have filled offices in this or any other Grand Chapter and those who have served their own Chapters with distinction and fidelity. We feel confident that the Lord of Life will acknowledge this faithfulness. Some have served lives as an open book to be read by all men. Some have concealed their labours of love and service so that they have gone unrecognized by man. Both leave us a great legacy of faith and good-will and a challenge to carry on and build a firm structure upon the foundations already laid. They could well have repeated, as in his last letter to the world, Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith."

Truly they were taught of God to love. Now they are fully in that love. We shall see them again when the day breaks and the shadows flee away. When death comes it is of little importance where we lived or when; of supreme significance is the nature of our living, our working, our playing, our serving, our dying. Death is not the end but the great new beginning, not tragedy but triumph and fulfillment if, before that great moment we have really begun to live in Him by faith, worthwhile life here and now depends upon our trust in God; the life to come depends on nothing less. Fortunate are those who have learned the secret of life's renewal and run with patience the race that is set before them.

There is no time that we can set for parting,
We who must remain are never ready for such pain,
Ever our prayer would be: "Not yet, dear Lord,
Another day with us let our beloved stay."
But we must know when falls the blow,
That wisely God hath willed it so.

T. H. BURGIS
T. C. LLOYD
J. C. SIM
D. A. McDONALD
J. SINCLAIR
A. K. CAMPBELL, Vice-Chairman.
GEORGE A. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. G. A. Phillips, and:—

Resolved—That the Report of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead be received.

The following Companions of Grand Chapter rank passed to their reward during the year 1959:

40. V. Ex. Comp. J. P. Gould
61. V. Ex. Comp. J. Patterson
94. R. Ex. Comp. S. W. Gould
138. R. Ex. Comp. J. Marr
163. R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy, R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Ford
175. V. Ex. Comp. W. J. Riddell
205. R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Sparks

Note—This is not a complete list, but this represents the number for which we have received the official notices from the various Chapters up to the present time.

DEATHS—1959

Chapter

1. W. Y. Cannon, O. K. Cowdy, D. Douglas, E. Davis, R. S. Glilespie, W. H. Irwin, G. F. Matthews, R. A. McMahon, C. A. McPherson, D. J. Rankin, G. R. Schamehorn, J. E. Singleton, P. E. Topliss, H. C. Walker, R. Waugh.
2. T. P. Allan, T. Calladine, R. Geddes, J. M. Kitchen, J. C. Leith, G. Milne, J. J. MacKay, C. A. McGara, T. B. Northcott, H. Stevens, J. VanLoon.
3. J. Crawford, F. B. Gidley, W. W. Grube, W. J. Kilpatrick, W. D. MacGregor, A. J. McGuffin, W. J. Newman, C. W. Stryker, A. Utting, A. Walsh, A. E. Westman.
4. D. Arnot, C. Bulley, F. L. Dinsmore.
5. J. P. Baker, W. D. Elliott, C. W. Few, W. J. Gibling, W. T. Helm, M. H. Lee, F. D. Millar, W. Pope, W. R. Stephenson.
6. F. J. Baillie, T. L. Catchpole, S. B. Fuller.
7. W. E. Clare.
8. H. H. E. Cook, S. N. Francis, H. Ploss, W. H. Reeder, F. O. Tidy.
15. J. E. Borthwick, A. Brown, R. English, N. Gillis.
16. L. E. Allen, H. W. Cole, D. S. Fraser, J. Gray, F. J. Hannibal, R. Nicholson, R. Richardson, E. J. McCleery, F. A. McDiarmid, W. R. Saults, E. G. Shane, C. H. B. Sievers, P. L. Young.
18. F. H. Bond, G. A. Dispond, R. A. Hotson, A. Huntley, I. A. R. Hughes, A. C. Kendall, A. R. McWhinnie, R. L. Treleaven.
19. H. W. Banks, R. Barr, L. T. Bradley, J. McIntosh, R. B. Richardson, J. Whiteley, W. T. Ross, T. E. Warren, T. R. Wiley.
20. D. Adams, C. R. Hayes, T. E. Holmes, D. O. Walker, A. R. Misner, C. M. Sheppard.
22. G. Hainsworth, L. J. Place, C. A. Ransom.
23. R. MacIntyre.
24. W. W. Ball, A. Cameron, R. R. Morrice, E. P. Nisbet, W. E. Osbaldeston, J. H. A. Slater.
26. W. H. Bradshaw.
27. A. S. Gibson, W. R. Hammond, R. R. Hilliard, C. A. Kennedy, J. W. McCannel, E. J. Sivil.
28. F. Proctor, I. F. Bulmer, F. E. Hare.
29. G. A. Clark, A. M. Hicks, R. H. Smith, O. A. Sundry, H. T. Traves.
30. D. G. Henderson.
31. J. A. Maher, C. G. Rutter, A. S. Tozer.
32. J. G. Biggar, W. J. Carswell, P. Sutherland.
34. W. N. Elliott.
35. L. W. Dudley, W. E. Jamieson, F. T. Rowe.
36. J. E. Burnham, C. G. Graham, J. Hamilton, D. C. Hope, C. K. Lech, F. G. McNeely, G. B. Wilson.
37. A. E. Choate, C. E. Swaisland.
40. E. J. Burcombe, W. H. Gibson, A. F. Moore, H. Wilson.
41. A. W. Huntley.

44. H. G. Brennan, A. C. Tummon, E. B. Weiss.
45. M. Peters.
46. J. G. Seaton.
47. H. V. Cameron, W. J. McQuire, J. C. Shepherd.
53. J. M. Cunningham.
54. J. Blaxall, J. A. Bowers, C. E. Flexen, A. J. Miller, J. C. Schweitzer.
56. A. O. Fuller, G. A. Garbutt, F. Lumley, E. J. Sivil, J. Snowball, I. Sutherland.
57. R. L. Bell, J. R. Scott, H. Stroud.
59. H. L. Bishop, L. M. Breakell, W. H. Comstock, W. W. Dool, A. E. Haskins, P. E. Heward, O. C. Holmes, W. J. Leonard, S. Marshall, T. R. Morrison, G. F. McGrath, C. E. Price, R. H. Sheridan, A. Wooding.
61. J. F. Patterson, T. A. Wilson.
62. W. H. Cochrane, N. J. McLeod.
63. H. Clark, D. G. Ross.
64. R. M. Barron, F. M. Brown, M. Vaughan.
65. M. S. Burger, D. Jordan, T. F. Livingstone, F. T. Parker.
66. H. R. Colbert.
67. A. K. Dillane, G. N. Howes, J. L. Ketchen, Rev. G. H. Thomas.
68. T. Harbison.
71. L. L. Denison, W. Edgington.
72. F. S. Anderson, E. A. Carleton, R. O. Heath.
73. L. Bobier, J. D. Carnegie, N. McKay.
74. G. A. Douglas.
75. G. A. Morley.
76. H. Brown.
77. A. H. J. Allison, A. Bell, A. J. Cook, J. H. Corner, J. A. Farwell, A. F. Miller, W. H. Murchison, A. J. O'Neill, R. Parks, R. S. Tovell, F. Walters.
78. G. Ball, B. Bossenberry, J. W. Campbell.
80. W. N. Appleyard, J. Archibald, J. S. Brown, W. H. Carswell, W. T. Dunlop, F. C. Just, A. P. McIntyre, G. H. Nairn, J. Sale, H. G. Sinclair, C. Widdows.
81. E. Baker.
82. C. F. Freed, F. C. Graham, L. M. Jones, S. H. Sherratt, R. P. Teasdale.
83. J. M. Murray.
84. G. W. Carr, J. G. Gillespie, R. M. Shields.
90. H. F. Attwell, C. H. Clifton, R. H. Elliott, H. S. Galloway, C. Howard.
91. S. Bett, J. J. Herb, J. Silk, W. H. Wright.
94. E. H. Boswell, N. A. Brown, C. W. Burgoyne, W. Langdon, A. Rettie.
95. J. E. Lafferty, Z. Lesser, J. E. McKerrow, D. G. Nairn, M. C. Newcombe, G. E. J. Perry, J. P. Reid, W. J. Trezise, T. S. Wilson.
102. E. Bowman, O. R. Howe, J. N. Kendall, V. Mann, J. R. Myles, A. McKay, R. J. Reid, W. D. Stewart, T. Williams, D. Willock.
103. H. M. Anderson, J. E. Bailey, A. M. Casselman, J. H. Hughes, W. Milne, J. M. MacPherson, W. E. Neily, B. F. Nott.
112. R. H. Armstrong.
113. C. L. F. Millar, A. McMillan.
114. R. A. Camelon, J. D. Duncan, G. E. Hawkins.
115. D. G. James.
116. J. Lowe, N. R. Houston, T. E. Nichols.
117. A. Bowman, J. H. Franks, A. Low, J. R. Sanderson, W. J. Schmidt, C. Smith, C. F. Vetter.
119. W. B. Clifford, J. Eltherington, E. A. Guest, C. Kenny, F. R. Lamont, A. Whitwam.
129. T. E. Henry, J. W. Walker, L. Walkom.
130. D. H. Gallagher, R. B. Hillmer, N. L. MaHaffery.
131. C. W. Bowins.

132. B. J. Davis, W. J. Wilson.
133. F. H. Burnside, T. Green, H. Kendall, C. Landry, R. H. Lowry, S. T. Mills, A. A. Murphy.
135. M. E. Rodman.
138. A. J. Backhouse, A. W. Cook, P. Gunn, C. W. Long, J. Marr, E. H. Wayne.
140. L. S. Dear, F. A. Fair, J. K. Gibson, E. E. Wood.
143. H. Kilburn, J. W. Robinson, C. A. Stewart, L. A. Wood.
145. R. L. Donovan, J. Farrington, G. Green, S. Harding, H. E. Heal, W. H. Hedges, C. Maude, A. Newell, J. Proctor, G. Rothfus, F. C. Speir, E. Taylor, T. Tinline.
146. T. A. Hamilton, W. A. Johnstone, W. J. Moore.
148. C. S. Bennett.
149. C. H. Dodds, J. Fiddes, W. Hirst, A. Murdoch.
150. J. H. Brighton, J. B. Foote, G. F. Forsyth, N. C. Hart, J. A. Kaplansky, W. N. Legg, H. G. Matthews, J. T. May, B. B. Sipley.
151. C. C. Condie, A. J. Millar, G. Young.
152. E. N. Lund, H. W. Lyons, W. Mitchell, W. Walker.
155. J. McNiece, T. E. Walker.
161. A. V. Gaebel, A. Gordon, P. Gunn, J. G. McCaw, A. A. Reid.
163. S. A. Griffin, C. W. Norris.
164. R. B. Skinner.
167. T. J. Johnston.
168. J. F. Little, K. Walmsley.
169. J. Donaldson, V. H. Longstaffe.
175. G. H. Moulton, W. J. Riddell, B. C. Tebbs, E. B. Thompson.
184. P. R. Embury, A. J. Francis, W. C. Tait.
195. W. Little, W. T. Sanderson.
198. A. R. Bloor, A. L. Church, T. Sansom.
205. D. L. G. McKay.
212. E. Adel, Dr. B. Cymbal,, S. S. Mayles, L. M. Singer.
214. A. Henderson, C. W. McIntosh.
215. E. E. Bryans, J. H. Doughty, J. C. Walker.
218. E. Rayburn.
220. H. N. Adams, J. A. Christenson, S. Kerim, D. J. Lammy.
221. J. E. Evans.
222. H. Bowman, E. J. McCleary, W. J. Tanner.
224. T. Adams, J. R. Crocker, J. Robertson.
225. L. K. Brown, J. S. Pickard, W. H. Roy.
226. J. L. Erwin, F. A. McDiarmid, R. H. McIlquham, J. E. Walters.
227. E. E. Burns, C. Few, A. E. Finley, A. H. Fisher, D. T. Martin, R. Slavin, J. L. Walsh.
230. J. Lowe, J. Sloane.
231. A. Bell, S. Painter, C. G. Rennie.
232. G. S. Crawford, W. H. Hedges, J. E. Johnson, A. Mole.
233. A. E. Hayward, G. S. Mair.
234. F. McDonald, J. E. Sanford.
235. F. Butler, B. D. Gilbert, C. E. Lundy, G. R. Wilkinson.
238. D. M. Drew, E. A. Guest, J. J. MacWilliam.
239. W. L. Sutor, W. H. Wright.
240. G. H. Furler.
241. W. A. Doidge, R. Hook, A. E. Nourse.
243. W. H. Harris, H. L. S. Clare, H. Hartshorn.
246. G. H. Brown.
249. C. L. J. Tucker.
250. T. Chapman, L. Dowdell, W. K. Duncan, H. R. Nobles, N. E. Patterson, H. F. Thompson, P. J. Waide.
251. W. H. Specht.
252. R. Nash, J. D. Van Horne.

253. M. W. MacDonald.
254. J. A. Follansbee.
255. J. W. Brownlee.
257. W. L. Robinson, R. G. Spears.
258. D. B. Lewis, Rev. G. H. Thomas.
260. J. A. Christenson, J. Sloane.

GRAND CHAPTER "CALLED OFF"

Grand Chapter was "Called Off" at 4.30 o'clock p.m. to permit the delegates to select their Grand Superintendent and elect the Officers of Grand Chapter for the ensuing year and the next place of meeting.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1960

Grand Chapter was "Called On" at 9.30 o'clock a.m.

ELECTION REPORT

At the One Hundred and Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, held in the Royal York Hotel, City of Toronto, Ontario, on April 12 and 13, 1960. The following officers and Committees were elected and appointed:

V. Ex. Comp J. A. Prince, Chairman, and V. Ex. Comp. S. Solley, Vice-Chairman, presented the results of the Election as follows:

M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith ..... Grand Z.
169 Dufferin Ave., Belleville, Ontario.
R. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Emmett ..... Grand H.
1310 Tecumseh Park Drive, Port Credit, Ontario.
R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay ..... Grand J.
165 Victoria Ave. N., Listowel, Ontario.
} Grand Council

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS, 1960

R. Ex. Comp. Rev. David Kerr ..... Grand Chaplain
390 Perth Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.
M. Ex. Comp. Fred W. Dean ..... Grand Treasurer
244 Holton Ave. South, Hamilton, Ontario.
M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle ..... Grand Scribe E.
Apt. 206 - 111 Oriole Parkway, Toronto 7, Ontario.
R. Ex. Comp. William L. Davies ..... Grand Scribe N.
66 Bromleigh Ave., London, Ontario.
R. Ex. Comp. John W. Dickens ..... Grand Principal Sojourner
3241 Dominion Blvd., Windsor, Ontario.
R. Ex. Comp. Arthur W. Ayre ..... Grand Registrar
22 Connaught Ave., London, Ontario.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Elected

R. Ex. Comp. Andrew F. Tannahill, Apt. 104 — 780 Eglinton Ave. W., Toronto, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. James E. Girven, 581 Weller St., Peterborough, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. F. Carl Ackert, 1 Lincoln Ave., Galt, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. G. Harold Shannon, 30 Spetz Street, Kitchener, Ontario.
R. Ex. Comp. George A. Phillips Jr., 39 Daniel St., Smith Falls, Ont.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

The nominations for Grand Superintendents were submitted to the Most Excellent Grand Z, who was pleased to approve, and the following selections were confirmed:

St. Clair District No. 1 ..... R. Ex. Comp. E. Ivan McConnell, Erieu, Ont.
London District No. 2 ..... R. Ex. Comp. Leo J. Gent, Box 78, Dorchester, Ont.
Wilson District No. 3 ..... R. Ex. Comp. Chesley R. Burton, 9 Banfield Street, Paris, Ont.
Wellington District No. 4 ..... R. Ex. Comp. Lawrence E. Morphy, Box 188, Palmerston, Ont.

Hamilton District No. 5 ..... R. Ex. Comp. Ralph J. Cocks, Box 159, Winona, Ont.

Huron District No. 6 ..... R. Ex. Comp. William Russell Carmen Bradford, 11 Britannia Road W., Box 36, Goderich, Ont.

Niagara District No. 7 ..... R. Ex. Comp, Frank R. Martin, 421 Pine Street, Dunnville, Ont.

Toronto East District No. 8 ..... R. Ex. Comp. William N. Holywell, 299 Donlands Ave., Toronto 6, Ont.

Toronto West District No. 8A ..... R. Ex. Comp. Arthur E. Sharpe, 37 St. Cuthbert's Road, Toronto 17, Ont.

Georgian District No. 9 ..... R. Ex. Comp. John G. Cruickshank, 769 Second Ave. E., Owen Sound, Ont.

Ontario District No. 10 ..... R. Ex. Comp. William Baker, Harwood, Ont.

Prince Edward District No. 11 ..... R. Ex. Comp. Delmer Huff, R.R. No. 1, Picton, Ont.

St. Lawrence District No. 12 ..... R. Ex. Comp. James A. Greer, R.R. No. 3, Brockville, Ont.

Ottawa District No. 13 ..... R. Ex. Comp. Edgar A. H. Shane, P.O. Box 256, Buckingham, Quebec

Algoma District No. 14 ..... R. Ex. Comp. Samuel R. LeRoy Newman, 930 Second St. E., Fort Frances, Ont.

New Ontario District No. 15 ..... R. Ex. Comp. Alan J. Higgins, Box 255, Espanola, Ont.

Temiskaming District No. 16 ..... R. Ex. Comp. James Ralph, 186 Maple St. South, Timmins, Ont.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The One Hundred and Third Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Toronto, Ontario, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 18 and 19, 1961, commencing at ten o'clock in the forenoon as per Section 20 of the Constitution.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal ArchMasons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It is with sincere regret that your Committee has to report a net loss in membership of 113 for the year 1959—the first net loss in seventeen years. Under normal circumstances we would have had a net increase of 39, but due to our seceding the Yukon Territory to British Columbia we suffered an immediate loss of 152 members over and above ordinary withdrawals. Our membership of 22,628 as at the end of 1958 now stands at 22,515.

The reasons for the drop in membership are quite apparent in a review of the following Ten Year Statistical Report on Membership, which is earnestly recommended to the serious consideration and study of every one of our Companions.

TEN YEAR ANALYSIS OF MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

Year	Admissions	Joinings	Restorations	Total Additions	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	Total Deletions	Net Increase or Decrease	Membership End of Year
1950	1,187	100	58	1,345	199	112	455	766	579	20,649
1951	1,047	81	38	1,166	171	184	502	857	309	20,958
1952	1,051	100	34	1,185	189	197	463	849	336	21,294
1953	1,139	75	46	1,260	214	169	400	783	477	21,771
1954	1,045	86	34	1,165	234	151	453	838	327	22,098
1955	952	55	31	1,038	175	188	475	838	200	22,298
1956	943	73	22	1,038	223	182	497	902	136	22,434
1957	879	78	27	984	242	150	536	928	56	22,490
1958	902	99	20	1,021	228	152	503	883	138	22,628
1959	927	70	16	1,013	426	205	495	1,126	–113	22,515

It will be noted from the above figures that total admissions were down eight from the previous year and the total deletions were up 243, making a total reduction of 251, turning a gain of 138 into a loss of 113. In almost every factor affecting membership the figures are adverse, and these will be discussed later in the report.

An analysis of the records by districts reveals that one district showed no gain, ten districts showed a total net gain of 154, six districts showed a net loss of 115, and of course Yukon District disappears with a loss of 152.

By Chapters, the records show that twenty had no change, sixty-seven had a gain of 343, seventy had a loss of 304, and the two Chapters in the Yukon showed a loss of 152. The significant point is that there were more Chapters showing losses than showed gains—70 to 67. It is evident that no radical improvement can be expected until more of the Chapters show gains and fewer show losses.

A discussion of the various factors that affect membership will be helpful in understanding what must be done to improve the situation.

Admissions

While the number of admissions (or new candidates) is up twenty-five over the previous year, 1959 with 927 is still the third lowest since 1943, and with the exception of war and depression years, the third lowest since 1907. It simply means that we are not making an earnest enough effort to bring more brethren to light in the Royal Arch. Our membership is still only slightly over sixteen per cent of the active Masons in Ontario. It is certainly a big field to work in and should produce results if only all of us would do our part.

Joinings

A figure of seventy joinings (or affiliations) for 1959 is the third lowest since 1943. It means that there are too many unaffiliated Royal Arch Masons in the jurisdiction. On the average, the figures reveal that there are three times as many withdrawals as there are affiliations, and at this rate it is quite apparent that we are suffering a heavy loss in membership from that cause alone. Much of this loss could be avoided if Chapter Membership Committees earnestly followed up requests for demits and made a real effort to retain such Companions in active membership.

Restorations

Last year your Committee pointed out that a figure of twenty restorations was the lowest since 1907. This year we show only sixteen, which establishes a new low. In the past ten years the average restora-

tions were one in five suspensions. Last year it was one in thirteen. We are not following up suspensions as we should. Many of these suspended members can be healed and restored.

The figure of 426 is the largest loss by demit since 1923 when the Grand Chapters of Saskatchewan and Manitoba being formed caused the withdrawal of upwards of 4,000 of our members. While this year we lost 152 from the Yukon to British Columbia, still the difference of 274 is the highest figure since 1940. Why are we losing so many by demit? Are our meetings not interesting? Is our work not good? Are we failing to extend friendship and companionship? Whatever the cause we must root it out and correct it. We cannot prosper if this high rate of loss continues.

Suspensions

The same may be said for suspensions. A figure of 205 for 1959 is the highest since 1941, and indicates a need for prompt and energetic action. Too often suspensions are the result of lack of interest or downright neglect. Allowing members to drift into this position is neither rising to our opportunities nor discharging our responsibilities. Such members should be contacted and followed up again and again until kindness and friendship and companionship win them back to an awakened interest and an active participation.

Deaths

Once again may your Committee emphasize the fact that our older membership involves a greater-than-average death rate, and losses from this cause will continue high for some time to come. This is borne out by our 1959 loss by death of 495 being the fourth highest in our history. This is a matter which is out of our control and our only long-range remedy is to bring in still greater numbers of younger candidates to offset these losses.

Recommendations

From the foregoing discussion and a study of the statistics it is evident that while we are not taking in as many candidates as we should, our most immediate and pressing problem is to cut down the preventable losses which seem to be increasing year by year. Withdrawals and Suspensions are preventable and the mounting number seems to suggest that we are not doing very much about it.

We can do something. Strong, enthusiastic and dedicated Chapter Membership Committees can follow up all requests for demits or members due for suspension. Too often this work is left to the Scribe E. who has many other things to do and cannot make the personal contacts necessary. If the Chapter has a committee, get it to work. If it hasn't, see that such a committee is appointed at once.

Too many unaffiliated or suspended Royal Arch Masons are being allowed to stay outside our membership. Each Chapter would do well to follow up all those who have resigned or have been suspended for several years past and make a real effort to have them renew their membership. It may not have been lack of interest on their part but lack of interest on our part which caused them to drift away. New personal contacts will show them that we are interested and may be the means of bringing many of them back.

Grand Superintendents

Grand Superintendents are closer to the Chapters and the Companions of their districts than anyone else in Grand Chapter. These Officers of Grand Chapter must realize their greater responsibility to further the work of Membership. In fact, this is one of the most important functions of their office, and their whole-hearted interest and support is necessary to any worth-while progress.

Each Superintendent is currently being furnished with statistical information,, comparative figures and five-year analyses of the membership records of his district and each of the Chapters in his district. This

information shows which Chapters need encouragement, which need active help and which need revitalizing. With six districts and seventy Chapters showing losses and one district and twenty Chapters showing no gains, there is much work for the Grand Superintendents to do, and it is hoped that they will give the required leadership and arouse the interest and enthusiasm of their Companions.

Conclusion

At the risk of appearing repetitious, may your Committee again state that the mission of Royal Arch Masons is to bring assistance, light and knowledge to uninformed brethren. It is not the task of the few but the responsibility of every Royal Arch Companion to bring their brethren into their Chapters.

May your Committee also urge all Grand Chapter Officers,, present and past, ,to seize every opportunity to inspire the Companions to greater effort in the field of Membership. It is only by constant reminder that the interest of the members can be maintained at the high level necessary to produce results.

It is true that Grand Chapter has suffered the first loss in membership in many years, but may it stimulate us to greater determination to improve the record in the coming years.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

D. S. STEVENS
R. A. HAMILTON
A. E. THURLOW
T. FORRESTER
J. A. BOYLE
D. WINN
A. F. TANNAHILL, Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. F. Tannahill, and:—

Resolved—That the report of the Special Committee on Membership be received and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS AND GREETINGS

Letters, etc. were received conveying greetings and expressing regrets for non-attendance from:

The Grand Chapter of the State of New York Royal Arch Masons—
Most Ex. Comp. George A. Lambert, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois—
Most Ex. Comp. Mark C. Morgan, Grand High Priest.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan—
Most Ex. Comp. Arthur M. Burke, Past Grand High Priest.
Most Ex. Comp. Orlow J. Myers, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania—
Most Ex. Comp. J. Kitselman, Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia—
Companion Carl Frank Wood, Grand Secretary.

Masonic and Military Order of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine—
William G. Scott, Most Ill. Grand Sovereign.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick—
Most Ex. Comp. George J. Langell, Grand First Principal.
Most Ex. Comp. Roy E. Crawford, Grand Scribe E.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia—
Most Ex. Comp. Gordon Stewart Walker, Grand High Priest.
Most Ex. Comp. Harold F. Sipprell, Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan—
Most Ex. Comp. H. K. Halldorson, Grand First Principal.
Most Ex. Comp. A. A. Wilson, Grand Scribe E.

Supreme Council 33° Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Dominion of Canada—
Dr. James Simpson, Sovereign Grand Commander.

Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut—
Companion Bliss W. Clark, Grand Secretary.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine—
Ira D. Turner, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.
R. Ex. Comp. Earl D. Webster, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland—
Most Ex. Comp. Joseph C. Bryan III, Grand High Priest.
Companion D. Ross Vansant Jr., Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio—
Most Ex. Comp. Homer Trantham, Grand High Priest.
R. Ex. Comp. Ralph W. Smith, Grand Secretary.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations—
Most Ex. Comp. Arnold C. White, Grand High Priest.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont—
Most Ex. Comp. E. P. Davenport, Grand High Priest.
Most Ex. Comp. Aaron H. Grout, Grand Secretary.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida—
Most Ex. Comp. John B. Phelps, Grand Secretary.

ARCHIVE COMMITTEE

This Committee reports that no matters requiring its attention occurred during the year 1959-60. However, the Committee recommends that this Committee be continued, according to the Constiution, to be ready to deal with matters that may require immediate action within the range of its responsibilities at any time in the year 1960-61.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. KENNEDY
BEN S. SCOTT, Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay, and:—

Resolved—That R. Ex. Comp. B. S. Scott be Grand Archivist, and Grand Historian, Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comps. T. N. Clarke, J. A. Kennedy.

REPORT OF GEOGRAPHICAL SURVEY

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Due to unusual circumstances, the prolonged illness of one of the members of the Committee and the extended leave of absence of the Grand Scribe E. who has much personal knowledge of the problems involved, it was not possible for your Committee to meet during the year and therefore no progress can be reported at this time.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

A. F. TANNAHILL, Chairman.

VOTE OF THANKS

Special reference was made by the Grand Z. and others of the most loyal and efficient service rendered by Rt. Ex. Comp. F. J. Johnson, who had retired from the office of Grand Scribe E., a position he held for ten years. It was therefore moved by Rt. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett and seconded by Rt. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay that this Grand Chapter record its sincere thanks and appreciation to Rt. Ex. Comp. F. J. Johnson for his marked contribution as Grand Scribe E.

OFFICERS INSTALLED AND INVESTED

M. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden installed and invested the newly elected officers of Grand Chapter, including the Grand Superintendents of the several Districts, and they were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

VOTE OF THANKS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay, and—

Resolved—That the thanks of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario be extended to:

The Credential Committee, under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Woodland, for the efficient manner in which they carried out their duties;

The Scrutineers, under the direction of V. Ex. Comp. A. J. Prince, for their services in taking charge of the Election of the Officers;

General Chairman and Sub-Committees, for their untiring and successful success and achievements;

The Installing Board, under the direction of M. Ex. Comp. J. M. Burden, and the Past Grand Z.'s, and to all those who have contributed to the success of our One Hundred and Second Annual Convocation.

APPOINTED TO OFFICE

The following appointments have been made by Most Ex. Comp. B. H. Smith:

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V. Ex. Comp. Wellington Smith ..... Grand Master 3rd Veil
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The labours of the Annual Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form at 12.30 p.m., Toronto, Ontario, Wednesday, April 13, 1960.

Maurice A. Searle

Grand Scribe E.

Monday evening, April 11, 1960, the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith, invited his Council, P.G.Z.'s, Executive Committee to a dinner in the Tudor Room, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, to assist him in doing honour to his distinguished guests. At the same time Mrs. Helen Smith and her Committee entertained the wives and ladies of our distinguished guests with a dinner, etc. in the Quebec Room, Royal York Hotel, Toronto.

Tuesday evening, April 12, 1960, the annual banquet was held in the Concert Hall of the Royal York Hotel, over 500 Companions and their ladies being present. Our Grand Z. was the chairman and he provided a very interesting programme. The guest speaker was the Rev. John Young Fraser, Presbyterian Padre, Sunnybrook Veterans' Hospital.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—President

Rt. Er. Comp. Chas. W. Emmett ..... Grand H.

(By Virtue of Office)

Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith ..... Grand Z.

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R. Ex. Comp. F. C. Ackert (Chairman), Grand Council, Grand Treasurer, Grand Scribe E.

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R. Ex. Comps. B. S. Scott (Archivist), J. A. Kennedy, T. Clark, Grand Scribe E.

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R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett (Chairman), R. Ex. Comp. A. F. Tannahill (Vice-Chairman), M. Ex. Comps. M. A. Searle, J. L. House, R. Ex. Comp. J. E. Girven.

BURSARY COMMITTEE

M. Ex. Comps. F. W. Dean (Chairman), J. M. Burden, Q.C., M. A. Searle.

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1	Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui,	Kingston	3rd Fri.	W. B. Sutherland	T. N. Clarke	329	7	—	—	8	5	15	308	90	—	21
2	The Hiram,	Hamilton	4th Fri.	A. W. Fuller	E. M. Marshall	205	13	5	—	—	—	11	212	59	7	—
3	St. John's,	London	4th Wed.	A. S. Smith	Chas. G. Smuck	247	13	—	—	1	1	11	247	63	—	—
4	The St. Andrew & St. John,	Toronto	1st Mon.	G. A. Rider	H. G. Swalm	189	1	—	—	2	—	3	185	50	—	4
5	St. George's,	London	4th Fri.	S. Pedersen	J. A. Kennedy	317	5	—	—	3	1	9	309	116	—	8
6	St. John's,	Hamilton	2nd Thurs.	J. E. Richardson	Fred Scott	164	5	—	—	3	4	3	159	43	—	5
7	The Moira,	Belleville	1st Tues.	Earl Grey	S. H. Lennox	252	2	1	—	2	2	1	250	9	—	2
8	King Solomon's,	Toronto	4th Thurs.	R. Willmot	G. McConnell	279	18	1	—	2	2	5	289	72	10	—
15	Wawanosh,	Sarnia	2nd Fri.	J. Morrison	H. R. Marriott	195	8	—	—	1	—	4	198	28	3	—
16	Carleton,	Ottawa	3rd Wed.	C. Vickers	S. Gilmour	639	19	3	—	2	—	13	646	91	7	—
18	Oxford,	Woodstock	4th Fri.	R. J. Lawrence	R. D. McKenzie	204	2	—	—	1	2	8	195	18	—	9
19	Mount Moriah,	St. Catharines	2nd Fri.	G. F. Bryant	C. M. Porter	241	12	—	—	1	2	9	241	13	—	—
20	Mount Horeb,	Brantford	3rd Thurs.	C. R. Simpson	R. W. E. McFadden	175	3	—	—	2	—	6	170	65	—	5
22	Grenville,	Prescott	2nd Tues.	W. H. Whitney	C. P. Laushway	92	—	—	—	—	—	3	89	8	—	3
23	Ezra,	Simcoe	2nd Thurs.	K. C. Bannister	T. C. Holland	156	5	—	—	2	1	1	157	23	1	—
24	Tecumseh,	Stratford	4th Fri.	E. Huggins	G. S. Atkins	245	6	2	—	2	2	6	243	21	—	2
26	St. Mark's,	Trenton	3rd Tues.	C. Burley	F. W. Sherbert	139	12	1	—	3	—	1	148	31	9	—
27	Manitou,	Collingwood	4th Wed.	L. A. Browning	R. H. Davidson	154	2	1	—	2	—	6	149	31	—	5
28	Pentalpha,	Oshawa	1st Tues.	G. H. Taylor	W. R. Jones	243	16	1	—	4	—	3	253	38	10	—
29	McCallum,	Dunnville	3rd Mon.	C. R. McKeown	F. R. Martin	120	3	1	—	—	—	3	121	4	1	—
30	Huron,	Goderich	3rd Tues.	J. K. Hunter	W. H. Roope	134	5	1	—	1	—	1	138	9	4	—
31	Prince Edward,	Picton	3rd Mon.	B. Wager	F. R. Greatrix, Jr.	208	3	—	—	1	—	3	207	5	—	1
32	Waterloo,	Galt	4th Thurs.	J. F. Reynolds	G. J. Johnson	156	6	—	—	1	—	3	158	22	2	—
34	Signet,	Barrie	2nd Tues.	G. A. R. Cowan	A. G. Bowie	134	2	—	—	2	3	1	130	46	—	4
35	Keystone,	Whitby	2nd Mon.	J. E. Sandison	C. W. Stafford	93	3	—	—	—	2	3	91	4	—	2
36	Corinthian,	Peterborough	4th Wed.	R. Mathews	D. Miller	332	12	2	—	3	—	7	336	31	4	—
37	Victoria,	Port Hope	2nd Fri.	W. Jarvis	J. F. Cornish	155	14	1	—	1	3	2	164	39	9	—
40	Guelph,	Guelph	2nd Fri.	M. H. Bauer	J. A. Robertson	214	4	2	—	6	5	4	205	9	—	9
41	Harris,	Ingersoll	4th Mon.	G. Wright	L. L. Mansfield	111	4	—	—	2	—	1	112	6	1	—
44	Mount Sinai,	Napanee	3rd Wed.	S. G. Weese	G. L. Brown	129	—	—	—	—	—	3	126	9	—	3
45	Excelsior,	Colborne	1st Fri.	J. F. Cochrane	W. J. Troop, Jr.	43	2	1	1	—	2	1	44	—	1	—

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46	St. James, St. Mary's		2nd Mon.	K. B. Klysdale	J. W. Durr	68	9	—	1	—	—	1	77	16	9	—
47	Wellington, Chatham		2nd Thurs.	Robert Ford	H. D. Paulucci	149	5	1	1	1	6	3	146	9	—	3
48	St. John's, Cobourg		4th Tues.	H. Rawcliffe	E. W. Niles	103	6	—	—	—	—	—	109	9	6	—
53	Bruce, Petrolia		3rd Wed.	R. W. Skene	R. M. Story	71	3	—	—	3	1	1	69	6	—	2
54	Palestine, St. Thomas		2nd Thurs.	T. F. Longthorne	K. S. Woodward	307	13	—	—	2	13	5	300	78	—	7
55	Niagara, Niagara-on-the-Lake		1st Fri.	John Gordon	S. J. May	69	2	—	—	1	1	—	69	1	—	—
56	Georgian, Owen Sound		3rd Tues.	J. R. Garen	Dr. C. J. Baxendale	103	1	—	—	—	2	6	96	26	—	7
57	King Hiram, Port Colborne		1st Thurs.	W. Noble	L. L. Doan	99	11	1	—	—	—	3	108	7	9	—
58	Pembroke, Mattawa		Inactive			20	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	14	—	—
59	Sussex-St. Lawrence, Brockville		1st Mon.	G. R. Sawyer	H. N. McKenney	351	9	—	—	2	—	14	344	70	—	7
61	Granite, Almonte		2nd Thurs.	James Brown	C. Osborne	92	1	1	—	1	—	2	91	4	—	1
62	York, Toronto		2nd Fri.	H. J. C. Sinclair	H. A. Armstrong	144	13	1	—	6	—	2	150	23	6	—
63	Havelock, Kincardine		3rd Wed.	G. S. Emerson	R. J. Kincaid	83	3	—	—	1	—	2	83	3	—	—
64	Willson, Welland		1st Wed.	R. H. Dilamarter	R. S. Doan	141	4	—	—	10	—	3	132	2	—	9
65	St. Paul's, Toronto		2nd Wed.	W. P. Gruer	C. C. Kilner	114	5	1	—	3	—	4	113	19	—	1
66	The Malloch, Seaforth		3rd Mon.	A. E. Matheson	C. A. Barber	82	4	—	—	—	—	1	85	1	3	—
67	Enterprise, Palmerston		2nd Tues.	A. G. Edmunds	A. McGugan	88	—	—	—	1	—	4	83	4	—	5
68	Maitland, Kemptville		2nd Thurs.	Fred Mohr	C. D. Beckett	102	3	—	—	3	3	1	98	2	—	4
69	Grimsby, Grimsby		1st Mon.	L. L. Lymburner	W. Fairbrother	72	2	1	—	—	—	—	75	7	3	—
71	Prince of Wales, Essex		2nd Fri.	John Muxworthy	R. C. Brushett	151	3	—	—	2	—	2	150	13	—	1
72	Keystone, Stirling		4th Thurs.	E. Dunkley	C. F. Davidson	74	7	—	—	1	—	3	77	7	3	—
73	Erie, Ridgetown		3rd Mon.	A. Nieth	T. E. Armstrong	102	2	—	—	—	—	3	101	1	—	1
74	Beaver, Strathroy		1st Mon.	K. B. Patterson	A. W. Holt	97	4	—	—	2	—	1	98	11	1	—
75	St. Clair, Milton		3rd Thurs.	C. G. Lewington	E. Harrop	83	5	—	—	—	—	1	87	—	4	—
76	Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls		3rd Fri.	F. Jones	C. H. Sheppard	121	9	—	—	3	3	1	123	61	2	—
77	Occident, Toronto		2nd Fri.	Percy Helm	S. Bustard	387	14	—	—	1	2	11	387	87	—	—
78	Minnewawa, Parkhill		3rd Mon.	W. Wein	C. J. Fox	104	4	—	—	—	4	3	101	1	—	3
79	Orient, Toronto		4th Wed.	W. L. Hyatt	A. O. Cook	96	2	2	—	4	—	—	96	24	—	—
80	Ark, Windsor		1st Mon.	W. H. Smith	C. W. Flett	327	9	—	2	2	3	11	322	106	—	5
81	Aylmer, Aylmer		1st Thurs.	Walter Baker	R. E. Moore	117	3	1	—	—	—	1	120	13	3	—

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82	Shuniah,	Port Arthur	3rd Wed.	W. H. Cheetham	S. H. Green	278	12	—	1	3	1	5	282	43	4	—
83	Ionic,	Orangeville	4th Tues.	W. Gillespie	W. L. Ewing	98	4	—	—	3	—	1	98	6	—	—
84	Lebanon,	Wingham	3rd Tues.	A. Corrigan	A. J. H. MacDonald	113	1	—	—	7	5	3	99	11	—	14
88	MacNabb,	Dresden	4th Tues.	G. Alldred	H. M. Dunlop	107	3	—	—	4	—	—	106	—	—	1
90	Golden,	Kenora	4th Wed.	E. M. Newman	J. F. Bellamy	168	3	1	—	5	3	5	159	10	—	9
91	Toronto-Antiquity,	Toronto	3rd Mon.	G. G. Wood	A. Geary	200	10	—	—	2	1	4	203	49	3	—
94	Midland,	Lindsay	3rd Thurs.	J. F. McIsaac	L. A. Gilkinson	113	4	—	—	2	—	5	110	31	—	3
95	Tuscan,	Sudbury	2nd Tues.	E. Smith	P. A. Coates	326	15	—	—	—	2	9	330	21	4	—
102	Algonquin,	Sault Ste. Marie	1st Fri.	H. W. Brumby	V. B. Bizley	263	9	1	1	—	1	10	263	34	—	—
103	St. John's,	North Bay	1st Thurs.	W. H. Smith	W. L. Brown	167	6	—	—	—	1	8	164	30	—	3
104	White Oak,	Oakville	2nd Tues.	W. S. Thomson	J. E. Taylor	104	9	1	—	2	5	—	107	3	3	—
110	Warkworth,	Warkworth	2nd Wed.	R. H. McNally	W. J. Newman	54	3	—	—	3	—	2	52	—	—	2
112	St. John's,	Morrisburg	3rd Mon.	G. W. Gorrell	E. J. MacDougal	134	4	—	—	3	—	1	134	9	—	—
113	Covenant,	Cornwall	3rd Wed.	F. W. Seaver	G. E. McCutcheon	266	12	—	—	2	—	2	274	25	8	—
114	Bonnechere,	Renfrew	3rd Mon.	W. L. Byers	H. Young	105	2	—	—	1	5	3	98	11	—	7
115	Brant,	Paris	3rd Mon.	R. W. McKenzie	H. J. Broughton	132	2	—	—	1	1	1	131	13	—	1
116	Maple,	Carleton Place	1st Wed.	G. B. Reaburn	W. E. S. Root	126	1	1	—	1	—	3	124	36	—	2
117	Kitchener,	Kitchener	1st Fri.	T. R. Williams	W. E. James	195	16	—	—	10	—	7	194	10	—	1
119	King Cyrus,	Leamington	2nd Wed.	D. A. Robinson	G. Bloomfield	167	3	1	—	1	—	6	164	24	—	3
129	Elliott,	Mitchell	1st Tues.	R. F. Robinson	J. K. Taylor	86	1	—	—	—	—	3	84	6	—	2
130	Chantry,	Southampton	1st Tues.	H. Carlaw	Howard Yates	63	1	—	—	—	—	3	61	3	—	2
131	Amabel,	Wiarton	Last Tues.	P. Spears	B. Galloway	96	6	1	—	1	4	1	97	3	1	—
132	Leeds,	Gananoque	4th Tues.	W. A. Trickey	R. G. Kelly	107	3	—	—	3	1	2	104	10	—	3
133	St. Francis,	Smiths Falls	3rd Fri.	O. G. Love	C. A. Bailey	187	5	1	—	—	—	7	186	5	—	1
134	King Darius,	Cannington	3rd Wed.	E. G. Rixon	L. G. Parliament	63	3	—	—	—	—	—	66	—	3	—
135	Succoth,	Uxbridge	2nd Thurs.	T. C. Croxall	H. V. Watson	64	4	1	—	3	1	1	64	7	—	—
138	Shekinah,	Toronto	2nd Tues.	P. James	J. Benson	232	25	3	—	2	1	7	250	29	18	—
140	Fort William,	Fort William	1st Mon.	J. E. Forester	F. D. Gerrie	148	19	2	—	2	—	4	163	8	15	—
143	Glengarry,	Maxville	4th Fri.	M. F. MacRae	C. B. McDermid	60	5	—	—	1	—	4	60	3	—	—
144	Prequ'ile,	Brighton	3rd Tues.	F. Hamilton	C. A. Wilson	54	3	1	—	1	—	—	57	3	3	—
145	The St. Patrick,	Toronto	3rd Fri.	I. C. Skudder	J. R. Legecy	398	8	1	1	—	3	13	392	86	—	6
146	Bernard,	Listowel	1st Tues.	B. Hastings	W. H. Sargent	118	6	—	—	1	1	3	119	3	1	—

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147	Lucknow,	Lucknow	2nd Tues.	R. Simpson	L. C. MacDonald	74	3	—	—	—	—	—	77	—	3	—
148	St. John's,	Vankleek Hill	1st Fri.	P. E. Wall	M. J. McLeod	96	1	—	—	—	2	1	94	—	—	2
149	Atwood,	Rainy River	3rd Thurs.	V. K. Croxford	A. Warnuk	52	—	—	—	—	—	4	48	1	—	4
150	London,	London	3rd Tues.	J. E. Worrall	J. N. Duffy	179	8	—	—	2	9	9	167	60	—	12
151	Laurentian,	Pembroke	3rd Thurs.	H. Thomas Hale	L. A. Schultz	155	9	1	—	4	—	3	158	3	3	—
152	Alberton,	Fort Frances	2nd Tues.	D. Henry	D. C. Baldwin	167	5	—	—	3	—	4	165	14	—	2
153	Sombra,	Wallaceburg	1st Mon.	G. A. Lauzon	J. Burnett	117	6	—	—	10	2	—	111	3	—	6
154	Klondike,	Dawson City	Transferred to The Grand Chapter of British Columbia			67	—	—	—	67	—	—	—	—	—	67
155	Ancaster,	Ancaster	3rd Tues.	Gordon Dorr	E. L. Walker	88	1	—	—	—	1	2	86	4	—	2
161	Madoc,	Madoc	4th Mon.	R. Frost	D. Kernohan	150	6	—	1	1	1	5	150	8	—	—
163	The Beaches,	Toronto	1st Mon.	D. C. Armstrong	T. J. Middleton	110	4	—	—	—	2	2	110	16	—	—
164	Lorne,	West Lorne	3rd Fri.	A. Weekes	Allan Stuart	85	3	—	1	—	—	1	88	3	3	—
167	Kichikewana,	Midland	2nd Mon.	S. R. Burton	R. A. Humphries	145	6	—	—	—	—	1	150	24	5	—
168	Ionic,	Campbellford	3rd Mon.	G. A. McConnell	W. H. Brady	156	3	—	—	—	2	2	155	48	—	1
169	Temiskaming,	New Liskeard	2nd Thurs.	A. L. Throop	S. R. Crooks	93	2	1	—	3	1	2	90	18	—	3
175	The Hamilton,	Hamilton	3rd Tues.	W. H. Holcombe	J. H. Rogers	127	9	—	—	6	2	4	124	7	—	3
184	Hugh Murray,	Fort Erie	2nd Tues.	G. E. Ogilvie	John A. Bell	84	12	1	—	—	—	3	94	1	10	—
195	Peel,	Brampton	1st Tues.	Jack Lamb	G. MacKenzie	141	5	—	—	2	—	2	142	9	1	—
198	Couchiching,	Orillia	2nd Fri.	M. A. MacDonald	H. K. Maynard	176	7	—	—	3	10	3	167	10	—	9
203	Cobalt,	Cobalt	3rd Tues.	Inactive		78	—	—	—	—	—	—	78	29	—	—
205	Victoria,	Thornhill	1st Wed.	H. Hinchley	G. J. Hall	87	12	2	—	—	—	1	100	13	13	—
210	Kitchener,	Russell	1st Fri.	C. P. Laushway	W. M. Stanley	84	7	—	—	—	—	—	91	12	7	—
212	Mount Sinai,	Toronto	1st Tues.	L. Ritter	Abraham Fox	365	34	—	—	5	1	4	389	19	24	—
213	Northern Lights,	Timmins	3rd Wed.	W. E. Anderson	W. D. Millar	139	6	—	—	2	1	—	142	38	3	—
214	Vimy,	Inwood	2nd Mon.	W. Balkwill	J. S. Maddock	83	1	—	—	—	—	2	82	12	—	1
215	Mimico,	Mimico	1st Wed.	S. Kennedy	A. E. Hunt	100	5	—	—	—	—	3	102	6	2	—
217	St. Alban's,	Toronto	4th Fri.	Dr. W. J. M. Lloyd	C. R. Kincaid	141	3	2	—	3	8	—	135	14	—	6
218	Prince Edward,	Shelburne	2nd Thurs.	L. Besley	H. Emrick	67	2	—	—	5	4	1	59	—	—	8
219	Ulster,	Toronto	4th Thurs.	A. H. S. Adams	J. L. Hewson	88	1	1	1	2	1	—	88	5	—	—
220	Lebanon,	Lambton Mills	3rd Wed.	S. J. Smith	W. M. Creech	119	4	1	—	1	2	4	117	—	—	2
221	Durham,	Durham	3rd Tues.	J. Edwards	H. C. McKechnie	46	3	1	—	—	1	1	48	5	2	—
222	Ottawa,	Ottawa	2nd Thurs.	J. G. Ferguson	W. C. Pesod	307	11	1	1	2	—	3	315	40	8	—

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223	Abitibi,	Iroquois Falls	Last Wed.	H. Richter	W. D. Irving Went	70	4	2	—	—	—	—	76	—	6	—
224	Keystone,	Hamilton	1st Mon.	W. L. Pratt	J. S. Drysdale	115	12	—	—	—	7	3	117	20	2	—
225	Beaver,	Toronto	2nd Wed.	J. T. Wallace	J. E. Richardson	106	8	1	—	5	2	3	105	—	—	1
226	Prince of Wales,	Perth	3rd Thurs.	E. Loucks	L. V. Wood	144	2	1	—	1	—	4	142	—	—	2
227	Quinte Friendship,	Belleville	2nd Mon.	Ron Godden	Mont. Barlow	203	10	2	—	—	1	7	207	30	4	—
230	Port Credit,	Port Credit	4th Tues.	J. I. Parke	E. Parkinson	91	2	—	—	—	—	2	91	2	—	—
231	The St. Clair,	Toronto	2nd Thurs.	J. Munro Yates	H. W. Powell	206	4	1	—	2	—	3	206	19	—	—
232	King Cyrus,	Toronto	3rd Wed.	J. S. Cobb		100	6	—	—	2	4	4	96	8	—	4
233	Oakwood,	Toronto	1st Wed.	A. E. Taylor	Reg. Harris	91	4	—	2	8	4	2	83	3	—	8
234	Halton,	Georgetown	3rd Wed.	J. T. Armstrong	Jack Addy	119	6	—	—	1	—	2	122	4	3	—
235	Aurora,	Aurora	4th Mon.	C. Allan	E. J. Eveleigh	107	5	—	—	2	—	4	106	9	—	1
236	Caledonia,	Caledonia	4th Thurs.	Kenneth Lang	W. C. Reid	78	4	—	—	—	—	—	82	2	4	—
238	The St. Andrew,	London	4th Thurs.	W. A. Thomson	A. V. Sedgwick	207	13	—	—	1	—	3	216	26	9	—
239	Blenheim,	Blenheim	1st Wed.	D. Payne	E. Fryer	93	2	—	1	1	1	2	92	—	—	1
240	Smithville,	Smithville	4th Mon.	W. Haining	S. Magder (Acting)	46	—	—	—	—	—	—	46	—	—	—
241	University,	Toronto	1st Tues.	J. E. Young	E. Pickles	116	1	—	—	4	—	2	111	21	—	5
242	St. Paul's,	Lambeth	1st Tues.	I. Pack	J. B. Lawrence	59	3	—	1	1	3	1	58	—	—	1
243	McKay,	Stoney Creek	2nd Wed.	R. Deuxberry	A. Winterbottom	72	1	—	—	1	—	1	71	4	—	1
245	Preston,	Preston	4th Tues.	G. J. Weber	L. R. Hertel	67	5	—	—	1	—	2	69	2	2	—
246	Humber,	Weston	3rd Fri.	H. Banks	G. C. Laing	156	9	—	—	5	1	1	158	8	2	—
247	Nilestown,	Nilestown	3rd Thurs.	J. H. Beattie	G. M. Kirkpatrick	121	11	—	—	—	—	—	132	11	11	—
248	Dochert,	Arnprior	1st Mon.		G. R. Clarke	44	—	—	—	—	—	—	44	1	—	—
249	Palestine,	Bowmanville	3rd Mon.	H. B. Tink	L. W. Dippell	97	2	—	—	—	—	1	98	3	1	—
250	Thomas Peters,	Windsor	2nd Wed.	J. R. Brown	Walter Hockney	282	8	1	—	2	5	7	277	78	—	5
251	Kirkland,	Kirkland Lake	4th Wed.	J. Blackburn	James Robb	132	7	—	—	3	2	1	133	15	1	—
252	Hiawatha,	Sarnia	1st Mon.	H. Russell	R. A. Bond	184	1	—	—	4	10	2	169	19	—	15
253	Regal,	Port Dover	2nd Wed.	A. D. Simpson	E. S. Ford	87	4	—	—	—	1	1	89	6	2	—
254	Golden Star,	Dryden	3rd Mon.	G. Amos	J. H. Gibson	110	20	—	—	4	1	1	124	—	14	—
255	Tillsonburg,	Tillsonburg	3rd Tues.	W. T. Jeffery	C. H. Swatridge	89	4	1	—	—	—	1	93	—	4	—
256	Yukon,	Whitehorse	Transferred to the Grand Chapter of British Columbia			85	—	—	—	85	—	—	—	—	—	85
257	Espanola,	Espanola	3rd Tues.	T. Gillespie	N. C. Somerville	84	6	—	—	1	2	2	85	3	1	—
258	Tyrian,	Stouffville	1st Thurs.	J. J. Mehaffey	R. Manewell	19	4	1	—	—	—	2	22	—	3	—

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259	Quetico,	Atikokan	2nd Mon.	J. B. Fraser	E. I. Swanbergson	38	3	—	—	—	—	—	41	6	3	—
260	Centennial,	Streetsville	4th Mon.	A. R. McDougall	V. W. Newman	41	6	2	—	—	—	2	47	—	6	—
						22328	927	70	16	426	205	495	22515	2932	343	456

NOTE: A study of this report will show a decrease of 113 in our total membership. This, of course, is due to the seceding of Yukon Territory to British Columbia (152 members). Therefore, in our jurisdiction proper we had a net increase of 39 members.

FURTHER NOTE: It will be seen that when the foregoing statistics were submitted to Grand Chapter, no Annual Return had been received from Smithville Chapter No. 240. The Returns have since been received, which reveal that the membership was 46 as of December 31, 1958. During the year 1959 the Chapter had one Admission, three Withdrawals and one Death, leaving a membership of 43.

Therefore, this changes the totals, namely to Admissions 928, Withdrawals 429, Deaths 496, and Total Membership as of December 31, 1959, 22,512. The decrease is 459. Therefore, in conjunction with the increase of 343, the total decrease is 116. This includes the loss due to the seceding of Yukon Territory to British Columbia, and consequently under our jurisdiction proper we have a net increase of 36 members.

SUSPENSIONS—1959

1—J. A. Abernethy, F. Decker, G. Gamsby, O. E. Maughan, R. A. Wright; 2—S. B. Sydney; 5—H. Lamble; 6—H. K. Craibbe, J. Hartley, N. Sims, D. A. Woodhall; 7—J. Henricks, J. V. White; 8—E. R. Covell, R. Dunn; 18—J. E. Lowes, W. Milburn; 19—R. Robson, L. D. S. Thompson; 23—D. Kennedy; 24—H. Nuttall, G. H. Young; 34—H. P. Appleton, C. Blundell, J. W. Shepherd; 35—W. J. Bowden, K. A. Lee; 37—H. C. Klintworth, H. W. C. McLeod, F. R. Thompson; 40—R. E. Bruce, L. A. Davis, A. A. Green, G. H. Morrell, M. E. Rudd; 45—H. W. Kernaghan, E. J. Yarrow; 47—K. R. Claus, C. A. Grand, W. J. Green, S. Magyar, T. M. Pallas, F. A. Traer; 53—C. C. Toon; 54—J. H. A. Clarke, C. E. Faulkner, G. A. Fearn, G. A. Hutchison, T. R. Kelly, H. M. Kemp, J. M. Lockhart, A. J. Mildren, G. McAteer, L. J. Pengelly, H. L. Preston, J. B. Smith, D. S. Wells; 55—A. G. Warren; 56—F. Connelly, C. E. Speedie; 68—P. C. Brayman, H. Hunter, S. W. McKeen; 76—F. E. Benson, W. G. Ritchie, F. Y. Utley; 77—V. S. Dolden, J. G. Sieffert; 78—L. M. Angus, H. R. Bossenberry, W. Bowles, W. C. Lumsden; 80—F. G. Crew, C. Davis, L. R. English; 82—A. E. Tyson; 84—F. Doubledee, P. L. Durst, H. Hamilton, A. Jaques, H. L. Knight; 90—F. V. Button, G. P. Sweeney, W. Treslove; 91—D. D. Thomson; 95—D. W. Procunier, D. Stuart; 102—M. E. F. Sheridan; 103—H. J. Pirie; 104—P. J. Cowan, J. J. Dall, R. Guild, J. R. Kersley, W. Sargent; 114—J. A. Gibson, T. F. Logan, D. C. Robertson, D. Ross, Cu Sutton; 115—B. H. Mechanic; 131—A. Givens, E. L. Hardman, J. K. Pruder, C. R. Warder; 132—W. O. Pickthorne; 135—A. G. Smith; 138—J. R. Lill; 145—W. G. Curry, W. J. Manser; W. T. Pope; 146—C. A. Harris, D. R. Taylor, W. Vogan; 150—C. L. Allsop, D. M. Bell, S. J. Lynch, R. G. Mitchell, R. Morley, R. R. Roberts, F. A. Shaw, J. D. Shaw, H. A. Skinner; 153—S. W. Green, N. D. Knowles; 155—H. Clarke; 161—R. P. Downey; 163—W. B. Barton, A. Matthews; 168—G. A. Ferrill, J. A. Heathcote; 169—R. H. Mills; 175—J. Beckett, W. J. Wallace; 198—J. C. Blackstone, F. W. Campbell, E. L. Cavana, J. M. Gilchrist, J. E. Jackson, R. S. Magee, R. J. Miller, D. B. McLaughlin, C. J. McLennan, H. W. Wiancko; 212—E. Shoot; 213—B. R. Taylor; 217—R. R. Baynes; N. L. Elson, N. P. Elson, C. Jones, B. A. Kennedy, J. Mackay, V. B. Moore, C. Rodgers; 218—H. Burk, W. Galbraith, A. D. McKelvie W. R. Tipping; 219—R. Wakelin; 220—W. C. Ferguson, A. J. Harris; 221—F. O. Abbott; 224—B. Arnold, S. W. Eby, H. A. Gilmore, J. W. Greig, R. C. Klodt, D. Lawrence, J. Smith; 225—W. E. Greenfield, C. E. Dunston; 227—J. Hegan; 232—A. E. Bowler, A. L. Cundall, W. G. Kerr, C. Lindo; 233—R. J. Bonney, J. E. Given, E. J. Parris, J. L. Reid; 239—D. Remington; 242—F. Dalby, F. Daniels, G. H. Truax; 246—E. W. Leaman; 250—C. H. Christian, P. Cipparone, G. L. Emerson, W. S. Park, J. Waide; 251—V. Andrews, W. T. Robson; 252—W. V. Atmore, S. J. Brooks, L. F. Brown, C. M. Carruthers, D. M. Grant, A. Lang, E. G. Parsons, R. Perkins, F. Wade, B. E. Wyville; 253—C. Drennan; 254—H. W. Hughes; 257—T. F. Eccleston, J. R. Mackey.

REINSTATEMENTS—1959

45—L. P. McDonald; 46—W. Pethick; 47—W. G. Smith; 80—W. L. Jenkins, A. J. Stanley; 82—H. Collins; 102—S. R. Myers; 145—T. E. Lemon; 161—W. D. McInroy; 154—J. McDonald; 219—A. H. S. Adams; 222—L. Raiche; 233—R. O. Blackwell, J. E. Girven; 239—P. C. Lanz; 242—A. C. Seabrooke.

DEMITS—1959

1—S. Adelkind, O. F. Bell, W. R. David, T. Garrity, J. MacDonald, J. Owen, E. W. Pehlemann, C. H. Harper; 3—G. D. Oxley; 4—L. G. Jackson, A. McNeil; 5—W. E. Ingrey, W. J. Martyn, J. G. McLeod; 6—A. Fairbrother, W. P. Jones, C. W. Rose; 7—J. J. Maxwell, J. S. Werden; 8—R. H. Wannell, W. G. Whitehouse; 15—T. E. Smuck; 16—J. F. Arnold, K. L. Larry; 18—E. A. Slaght; 19—W. J. LePoideoin; 20—G. W. Butter-

worth, E. Salway; 23—J. W. Barad, A. M. Culver; 24—H. L. Kells, L. G. Powell; 26—B. W. Campney, T. H. Fletcher, C. Hallyburton; 27—H. J. Sanderson, H. Watson; 28—W. M. Durnford, G. W. Jarvis, K. L. Miller, F. A. Wood; 30—J. P. Warren; 31—K. C. Pennie; H. Trendle; 34—W. J. Clarke, C. E. Crease; 36—J. D. Cochrane, E. G. Montgomery, G. T. Puffer; 37—J. C. H. Walsh; 40—F. A. Ewing, D. Fyfe, J. Morgan, J. K. Nairn, W. Parker, A. M. Smith; 41—T. E. Jackson, A. G. Swain; 47—E. A. Young; 53—A| Dalziel, W. J. Johnson; W. A. Reid; 54—M. Reed, T. Pullen; 55—J. Connolly; 59—R. B. Connor, G. Cumming; 61—B. K. Gunn; 62—G. H. Bennison, J. T. Ford, C. W. Hendricks, E. L. Miller, A. W. Parks, H. Willoughby; 63—D. Blue; 64—W. Goodwin, J. W. Grant, B. J. Hoggar, C. V. King, L. E. Longton, G. G. Longwell, A. A. Marshall, H. R. Main, B. L. Myers, L. R. Norton; 65—A. E. Allen, H M. Firstbrook, G. C. Snell; 67—N. F. McLaughlin; 68—C. L. Dickinson, G. R. Monleith, H. G. McCabe; 71—L. Matlock, H. M. Yule; 72—C. Wright; 74— G. MacDonald, S. M. Scott; 76—C. C. Easton, N. C. Gomm, T. B. Harrison; 77—N. R. Truchan; 79—A. Esler, V. T. Leagas, H. J. F. Paul, A. Scott; 80—E. Richardson, W. E. Snyder; 82—J. C. Pinch, C. R. Smith, C. H. Walker; 83—G. B. Brown, E. A. Hicks, E. W. Smith; 84—W. T. Cruickshank, A. Gibson, Arthur Gibson, J. Gillespie, D. Miller, R. C. McClenaghan, A. A. Purdon; 88—H. G. French, R. Lampban, R. Smith, A. Wachsmuth; 90—A. M. Delamere, W. M. Docker, A. Durance, C. H. Tilley, G. M. Wright; 91—W. H. Long, G. Wright; 94—D. W. T. Macaulay, H. W. Packer; 104—R. M. Gibson, F. R. Walker; 110—J. F. Freure, H. C. Sherwin, H. T. Sine; 112—C. A. Loudon, J. Lynn, C. H. McHaffie; 113—G. E. Bush, C. R. Laidley; 114—E. L. Throop; 115—J. A. Harold; 116—H. C. Skinner; 117—C. S. Berlet, S. Brown, L. A. Christner, P. N. Currie, O. F. Dannacker, T. Gardiner, H. J. Heldman, G. L. Murray, S. Simpson, J. E. Snyder; 119—M. MacLeon; 131—C. A. Arnott; 132—H. Ball, G. A. Bradley, P. Neill; 135—R. N. Hogg, W. J. Lee, J. A. Noble; 138—C. A. Gardiner, W. E. Sills; 140—S. Crane, C. E. Rich; 143—H. P. Carleton; 144—L. H. Taylor; 146—B. Porterfield; 150—G. W. Fash, R. W. Lusby; 151—E. O. Bell, K. M. Carnegy, W. E. Fiebig, R. L. Montgomery; 152—F. A. Loverin, E. E. Maybee, E. T. McComb; 153—J. R. Bullen, D. Fraser, G. C. Lindsay, F. Murdock, J. J. Richards, J. A. Ritchie, R. Sherry, J. A. Shteinhoff, J. E. Stott, D. J. Truan; 161—M. Rankin; 169—T. Buckley, C. Connolly, J. G. Mills; 175—J. W. Dingman, J. E. Fisher, C. W. Gibson, W. K. Kirkwood, W. B. Monds, R. L. Rolls; 195—W. J. Burns, H. T. Wilson; 198—G. Cross, R. G. Ingman, E. H. Maynard; 212—R. Brown, L. Davidson, J. Goldis, D. Klagbrun, W. Wilson; 213—H. Barnes, D. Jarvis; 217—H. Ellis, H. W. McGill, R. Watkins; 218—D. Atherley, D. Gordon, F. McFarlane, J. A. McKelvie, M. Little; 219—J. Cooke, S. Weatherhead; 220—A. Carter; 222—R. Harvey, W. I. Taylor; 225—S. W. Alexander, J. A. Giles, T. F. Hunter, W. Jones, H. W. Richardson; 226—L. B. McLaren; 231—B. Dalton, R. J. Ross; 232—W. Steggles, D. J. A. McKeown; 233—R. W. Barclay, C. F. Harris, W. F. Lindsay, J. Thompson, R. McKay, R. Pugh, E. D. W. Sproule, F. J. Vann; 234—J. G. Keir; 235—J. C. Dodson, C. Rose; 238—W. G. Harding; 239—A. S. Huffman; 241—W. E. Irwin, A. Screaton, J. R. Stewart, W. C. Wright; 242—J. W. Stirling; 243—E. H. Brennan; 245—F. I. Wilson; 246—G. E. Latam, J. O. Lavoie, G. E. Medhurst, J. L. Newhouse, S. J. Pilcher; 250—W. R. Gorman, G. W. Muckle; 251—J. J. Charles, H. W. Newington, J. B. Taylor; 252—C. K. Flynn, F. C. Marshall, L. A. McPhee, E. Walters; 254—W. B. Leishman, J. J. Morrison, R. Ostrom, A. Strand; 257—E. Kelly; 240—F. W. Davis, A. Longley, H. Merrett.

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81. Aylmer ..... Aylmer
150. London ..... London
214. Vimy ..... Inwood
238. The St. Andrew ..... London
242. St. Paul's ..... Lambeth
247. Nilestown ..... Nilestown
252. Hiawatha ..... Sarnia

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R. Ex. Comp. Chesley R. Burton, 9 Banfield Street, Paris, Ont.

18. Oxford ..... Woodstock
20. Mount Horeb ..... Brantford
23. Ezra ..... Simcoe
41. Harris ..... Ingersoll
115. Brant ..... Paris
253. Regal ..... Port Dover
255. Tillsonburg ..... Tillsonburg

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 4

R. Ex. Comp. Lawrence E. Morphy, Box 188, Palmerston, Ont.

32. Waterloo ..... Galt
40. Guelph ..... Guelph
67. Enterprise ..... Palmerston
83. Ionic ..... Orangeville
117. Kitchener ..... Kitchener
218. Prince Edward ..... Shelburne
221. Durham ..... Durham
234. Halton ..... Georgetown
245. Preston ..... Preston

HAMILTON DISTRICT No. 5

R. Ex. Comp. Ralph J. Cocks, Box 159, Winona, Ont.

2. The Hiram ..... Hamilton
6. St. John's ..... Hamilton
75. St. Clair ..... Milton
104. White Oak ..... Oakville
155. Ancaster ..... Ancaster
175. The Hamilton ..... Hamilton
224. Keystone ..... Hamilton
236. Caledonia ..... Caledonia
243. McKay ..... Stoney Creek

HURON DISTRICT No. 6

R. Ex. Comp. William Russell Carmen Bradford, 11 Britannia Road W., Box 36, Goderich, Ont.

24. Tecumseh ..... Stratford
30. Huron ..... Goderich
46. St. James ..... St. Mary's
63. Havelock ..... Kincardine
66. The Malloch ..... Seaforth
84. Lebanon ..... Wingham
129. Elliot ..... Mitchell
130. Chantry ..... Southampton
146. Bernard ..... Listowel
147. Lucknow ..... Lucknow

NIAGARA DISTRICT No. 7

R. Ex. Comp. Frank R. Martin, 421 Pine Street, Dunnville, Ont.

19. Mt. Moriah ..... St. Catharines
29. McCallum ..... Dunville
55. Niagara, Niagara-on-the-Lake
57. King Hiram ..... Port Colborne
64. Wilson ..... Welland
69. Grimsby ..... Grimsby
76. Mount Nebo ..... Niagara Falls
184. Hugh Murray ..... Fort Erie N.
240. Smithville ..... Smithville

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT No. 8

R. Ex. Comp. William N. Holywell, 299 Donlands Ave., Toronto 6, Ont.

4. St. Andrew and St. John Toronto
8. King Solomon Toronto
62. York Toronto
65. St. Paul's Toronto
79. Orient Toronto
135. Succoth Uxbridge
145. The St. Patrick Toronto
163. The Beaches Toronto
205. Victoria Thornhill
217. St. Alban's Toronto
225. Beaver Toronto
235. Aurora Aurora
241. University Toronto
258. Tyrian Stouffville

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT No. 8A

R. Ex. Comp. Arthur E. Sharpe, 37 St. Cuthbert's Road, Toronto 17, Ont.

77. Occident Toronto
91. Toronto-Antiquity Toronto
138. Shekinah Toronto
195. Peel Brampton
212. Mount Sinai Toronto
215. Mimico Mimico
219. Ulster Toronto
220. Lebanon Lambton Mills
230. Port Credit Port Credit
231. The St. Clair Toronto
232. King Cyrus Toronto
233. Oakwood Toronto
246. Humber Weston
260. Centennial Streetsville

GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9

R. Ex. Comp. John G. Cruickshank, 769 Second Ave. E., Owen Sound, Ont.

27. Manitou Collingwood
34. Signet Barrie
56. Georgian Owen Sound
131. Amabel Wiarton
167. Kichikewana Midland
198. Couchiching Orillia

ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 10

R. Ex. Comp William Baker, Harwood, Ont.

28. Pentalpha Oshawa
35. Keystone Whitby
36. Corinthian Peterborough
37. Victoria Port Hope
45. Excelsior Colborne
48. St. John's Cobourg
94. Midland Lindsay
110. Warkworth Warkworth
134. King Darius Cannington
168. Ionic Campbellford
249. Palestine Bowmanville

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT No. 11

R. Ex. Comp. Delmer Huff, R.R. No. 1, Picton, Ont.

7. The Moira Belleville
26. St. Mark's Trenton
31. Prince Edward Picton
44. Mount Sinai Napanee
72. Keystone Stirling
144. Presqu'ile Brighton
161. Madoc Madoc
227. Quinte Friendship Belleville

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT No. 12

R. Ex. Comp. James A. Greer, R.R. No. 3, Brockville, Ont.

1. Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Kingston
22. Grenville Prescott
59. Sussex-St. Lawrence Brockville
68. Maitland Kemptville
112. St. John's Morrisburg
113. Covenant Cornwall
132. Leeds Gananoque

OTTAWA DISTRICT No. 13

R. Ex. Comp. Edgar A. H. Shane, P.O. Box 256, Buckingham, Quebec

16. Carleton Ottawa
61. Granite Almonte
116. Maple Carleton Place
114. Bonnechere Renfrew
133. St. Francis Smiths Falls
143. Glengarry Maxville
148. St. John's Vankleek Hill
151. Laurtenian Pembroke
210. Kitchener Russell
222. Ottawa Ottawa
226. Prince of Wales Perth
248. Dochert Arnprior

ALGOMA DISTRICT No. 14

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82. Shuniah ..... Port Arthur
90. Golden ..... Kenora
140. Ft. William ..... Ft. William
149. Atwood ..... Rainy River
152. Alberton ..... Fort Frances
254. Golden Star ..... Dryden
259. Quetico ..... Atikokan

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 15

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58. Pembroke ..... Mattawa
95. Tuscan ..... Sudbury
102. Algonquin ..... Sault Ste. Marie
103. St. John's ..... North Bay
257. Espanola ..... Espanola

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT No. 16

R. Ex. Comp. James Ralph, 186 Maple St. South, Timmins, Ont.

169. Temiskaming ..... New Liskeard
203. Cobalt ..... Cobalt
213. Northern Lights ..... Timimns
223. Abitibi ..... Iroquois Falls
251. Kirkland ..... Kirkland Lake

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*C. D. Macdonell	1873
*Jas. Seymour	1874
*L. H. Henderson	1875-6
*F. J. Menet	1877-8
*Daniel Spry	1879-80
*Donald Ross	1881-2
*H. Macpherson	1883-4
*Thos. Sargant	1885-6
*Rob. Hendry Jr.	1887
*R. B. Hungerford	1888-9
*J. J. Mason	1890-1
*J. E. Harding	1892-3
*J. Ross Robertson	1894-5
*M. Walsh	1896-7-8
*Wm. G. Reid	1899-1900
*Wm. Gibson	1901-2
*A. Shaw	1903-4
*William Roaf	1905-6
*John Leslie	1907-8
*George Moore	1909-10
*Fred W. Harcourt	1911-2
*Daniel F. MacWatt	1913-4
*Wm. S. R. Murch	1915-16
*A. S. Gorrell, M.D.	1917-18
*Wm. N. Ponton	1919-20
*H. S. Griffin, M.D.	1921
*Richard H. Spencer	1922-3
*Walter H. Davis	1924-5
*Kenneth J. Dunstan	1926-7
*Edwin Smith	1928-9
*Walter G. Price, D.D.S.	1930-1
*Chas. W. Haentschel, M.D.	1932-3
*Alexander Cowan	1934
*George L. Gardner	1935-6
*Wm. Y. Mills	1937-8
*Llewellyn F. Stephens	1939-40
*John M. Empey	1941-2
John M. Burden	1943-4
Reginald V. Conover	1945-6
Frederick W. Dean	1947-8
Clarence MacL. Pitts	1949-50
Alexander G. N. Bradshaw	1951-2
*John A. M. Taylor	1953-4
John L. House	1955-6
Maurice A. Searle	1957-8
Bruce H. Smith	1959-

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*Kivas Tully	1891
*Hugh Murray	1903
*Harry H. Watson	1909
*E. T. Malone	1919
*A. T. Freed	1920
*Sir John M. Gibson	1922
*Roderick B. Dargavel	1941
Melville S. Gooderham	1957

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Galloway, Scotland—Grand Z. 1958
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R. Ex. Comp. William A. Laird, Scotland—Hon. Past Grand Scribe E. 1958
R. Ex. Comp. William H. Sweeting, Victoria, Australia—Hon. Past Grand Prin. Soj. 1958

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*Thomas B. Harris	1857-73
*R. P. Stephens	1874-75
*Daniel Spry	1876-77
*David McLellan	1878-91
*Thomas Sargant	1892-98
*George J. Bennett	1899-1915
*Henry T. Smith	1916-1928
*Edwin Smith	1929-1949
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Maurice A. Searle	1960-

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CAPITULAR REVIEW

Annual Review of Proceedings of Other Grand Chapters

To the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada in the Province of Ontario, 1960:

Companions, once again it is my pleasure to present for your approval a Review of the Proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions in Royal Arch Masonry throughout the World. It is a thrilling and enlightening experience to sit, as it were, before a picture window where one can see, as in a great panorama, the activities and achievements of Capitular Masonry passing majestically in a magnificant Annual Review. A conscientious Reviewer feels, at the same time, a sense of his own inadequacy of comprehension and judgment, for, in order to pass the best of what he sees and learns along to his fellow companions, he must be ever weighing in his heart and mind the value, appeal and importance of events and ideas, knowing full well that others might make decisions quite at variance. In the face of this situation a Reviewer can only plead his purpose, earnestness and sincerity.

Most readers of these Fraternal Reviews have neither the desire nor the intention of reading the entire digest of proceedings of every Jurisdiction. They select those in which, for one reason or another, they have some particular interest. Accordingly they have a right to expect that the Writer of the Review will supply a digest of general trends, significant information, common problems, ideas, suggestions and advice as to the solution of these problems.

The most general expressions of dissatisfaction with regard to the progress of Capitular Masonry that one encounters in the Proceedings have to do with MEMBERSHIP. Those Jurisdictions that do not show a net loss in members find that their gains are being progressively reduced. The following quotation from the Fraternal Review of Nebraska, 1958, (M. E. Comp. H. H. Thom) sums up what many others have to say, perhaps somewhat less pointedly: "In spite of the plans of our best minds, the herculean labours of many fruitful workers and the fervent exhortations from high and low, the Royal Craft is not advancing (in numbers) as it should." [The words in brackets are mine.] Many Reviewers make lengthy statistical comparisons to emphasize this point. Many and various are the suggestions and advice as to how this trend can best be reversed. Some are quite outspoken, though perhaps not quite so much so, as the reviewer who writes: "Too many are using the Chapter as the spring-board to leap into what they are pleased to call 'higher Masonic standing'; and the reviewer adds that he has "neither time nor patience for those who are merely looking for thrills, hilarious ceremonies and uproarious get-togethers".

There are those who say, as does the Committee on Chapter Organization, (California 1958) that we are simply inheriting the conditions that have been building up during many years. There is no dearth of suggestions, most of them quite practical, as to how this problem of declining membership may be met and reversed.

On the other hand, we find many prominent leaders in Capitular Masonry who are NOT at all alarmed as to the present membership situation. These leaders see Masonry in its essentials as a stronger force than ever it was, working for GOOD and WORTH-WHILE THINGS in the complex world of today. They remind us that QUALITY, not QUANTITY, is the TRUE measure by which to judge the progress of our ORDER; and they cite England and Scotland as areas where the emphasis is placed where it should be—to produce the most GOOD for the welfare of Mankind. [With them I am quite in agreement, though I recognize that the ideal is both quantity and quality].

Some of the signs that seems to justify OPTIMISM are:

Schools of Instruction are becoming more popular. We are amazed at the number of Lectures and Schools of Instruction that are well conducted by Grand Lecturers. Alabama, page 68, gives many further evidences of this advance in the realm of achievement.

With regard to the problem of ATTENDANCE, we too often forget that many Companions do not attend as often as they (or their Companions) could wish because their time, in this modern world of diversified activities, of necessity has to be divided. [WE can only meet this situation by keeping them aware of the fact that we miss them when absent and are delighted in their companionship when they can be with us.]*

There are many other generalizations that, as your Reviewer, I should like to make, but I feel that I have already trespassed upon the space that I should presume to occupy in our Annual Proceedings and I recommend that you read carefully our Review and then draw your own conclusions.

I regret that at time of going to press we have not received copies of the 1959 Proceedings from Delaware, Indiana, Nevada and Wisconsin.

Again may I thank you for the confidence imposed in my judgement in requesting me to do this service for you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

BENJAMIN S. SCOTT

*Note—Square brackets [ ] are used throughout this Review to indicate necessary explanations and the writer's personal opinions.

Alabama

132nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama was held in Birmingham, February 9th, 1959.

Chapters, 48; Membership, 12,995; Net Gain, 212.

Earl Drayton Holmes, Grand High Priest
Charles Henry Stubinger, Grand Secretary

All the Past Grand High Priests were escorted to the Altar and given a cordial welcome.

The distinguished visitors were introduced and accorded Grand Honours.

The Grand High Priest's Address:

"During the year the Almighty has called from our midst three of our Past Grand High Priests and many high-ranking Companions of other jurisdictions have been called to higher service, among the number being John Alexander McDonald Taylor, Past Grand First Principal of Canada.

"We are steadily progressing in Royal Arch Masonry in the State of Alabama. During the year, three schools of Instruction were held. They were all well attended and very worth-while.

"I made many visitations within our jurisdiction and to sister jurisdictions but regret that I was unable to do all the visiting I had hoped to do. It is with a sad feeling I pass the reins to my successor and become a 'has-been'. I congratulate my successor on being at the helm of a Wonderful Organization.

"A resolution was passed that the Grand Chapter of Alabama extend to the Grand Chapter of Helvetia of the Royal Arch Masons of Switzerland best wishes for its success and that the necessary steps be taken to exchange Grand Representatives and enter into Fraternal relationship.

"It was also decided to recognize the several Chapters of Japan and enter into fraternal relationship with the said Chapters under the General Grand Chapter."

Report of Committee on Masonry and American Citizenship: "Your committee would like to submit for your consideration one of the most timely subjects. It is entitled "Masons must unite to save America," by Bro. Luther A. Smith, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite. It appeared in the August 1958 issue of The New Aage."

We quote, "If we would be loyal to our Country and wish to save our heritage of freedom, we Masons must arouse ourselves and unite in a movement of equal importance to that of Independence and Revolution to which our predecessors dedicated themselves. Like them, we must be men of mighty convictions if we would restore America to its former glory.

"We must have strong convictions concerning moral and spiritual values, the dignity of man, integrity, right and truth. We must have convictions that personal liberty, freedom of speech and assembly, and freedom of religion are natural rights and must be protected. These old tried and true American ideals must burn again in the hearts of Masons throughout the United States. If the Masons of all rites, ranks and degrees will unite to promote these great convictions, it will inaugurate a revolution which will be as significant and victorious as that one led by George Washington.

Freemasonry has the program, the ideals and the potential. To save its own soul it must do it, but it will require boldness and courage. What say the Masonic Hosts of America?"

The Grand Treasurer reported a bank balance of $20,540.31 with a surplus on December 31, 1958, of $69,160.05.

Election of Officers:

James T. McRae, Sr.—M. E. Grand High Priest.

Chas. H. Stubinger—R. E. Grand Secretary.

Alberta

Forth-fifth Annual Convocation held in Edmonton, May 13th, 1959.

Chapters, 31; Membership, 3,698; Net Increase, 105.

M. E. Comp. Arthur F. Lissack, Grand First Principal

M. E. Comp. Fred Hand, Grand Scribe E.

There were 14 Past Grand First Principals present.

Among the distinguished visitors were V. W. Brother R. E. Reierson, Minister of Labour for the Province of Alberta, and His Honour Mayor W. Hawrelak, of Edmonton, who welcomed the Companions. Many visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions were present.

Address of Grand First Principal: "To our distinguished guests from other Grand Bodies and our Sister Grand Jurisdictions, we extend our most cordial welcome and trust that your sojourn with us will be both enjoyable and profitable. Your presence here exemplifies the true spirit of friendship which exists between Masonic bodies and which Masonry extends to all mankind. I was able to attend all district meetings with the exception of District No. 3 at Strathmore.

"My visitations were not as numerous as I had hoped they would be and were made principally in the northern part of the province. Circumstances beyond my control prevented me from making many trips to the south. One of the special events was on August 30th, 1958, when thirty-five Companions from all parts of the province journeyed from Edmonton by chartered bus to Grand Prairie to visit Wapiti Chapter No. 34. The meeting was an excellent one.

"It is my conviction and I have endeavoured to concey this conviction to my Masonic brethren, that in Royal Arch Masonry we have a

way of life that can be and is an influencing factor in our every day lives. The fundamental principles inculcated in our ritual as relates to the building of K. S. Temple are also intimately connected with the same spiritual temple we are erecting within ourselves. If this temple has been erected as decreed in His Holy Word, aided by the square, level and plumb rule, and His teachings applied in our every day lives in our association with our fellowman, then we are nearer to the realization of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."

Thirty-seven representatives of Grand Jurisdictions near Grand Chapter of Alberta were welcomed and asked to convey the Greetings of the Grand Chapter of Alberta to their jurisdictions.

R. E. Comp. P. D. O'dell, Manna, was appointed Grand Representative from Grand Chapter Canada and M. E. R. V. Conover, Brampton, represents Alberta near Grand Chapter of Canada.

The Grand Treasurer reported receipts to be $6,882.83, and total assets of $13,464.38.

Condition of the Craft

A careful review of the reports of the Grand Superintendents shows a steady but definite progress. The year 1958 showed an increase in membership of 105. Seventeen of our thirty-one constituent chapters showed a net increase in membership, four held their numbers unchanged, and ten showed a slight increase.

Officers elected:

Grand First Principal—M. E. Comp C. M. Laverty.

Grand Scribe E.—M. E. Comp. Fred Hand.

Arizona

68th Annual Convocation, Coolidge, Arizona, October 28, 1958.

M. Ex. Comp. Fred P. Misak, Grand High Priest

Jos. A. E. Ivey, Grand Secretary

Membership, 1,898; Net Gain in 1957, 70.

Many distinguished guests from other jurisdictions were received, warmly welcomed by the Grand High Priest, escorted to the East and given the Grand Honours of Masonry.

Thirty-seven Grand Representatives answered the Roll Call.

The address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest: "It is my very pleasant duty this morning to bid you, one and all, a most hearty welcome to this Annual Convocation.

"It was my happy privilege to be able to visit every Chapter in our jurisdiction, some of them more than once." Interesting incidents regarding his various visits were then related.

Visits to Foreign Jurisdictions

"It was my good fortune during the year to be able to visit several of our neighbouring Jurisdictions. On all occasions I was warmly received and tendered all the courtesies and honours due the office which I represented. Beginning six years ago the percentage of gain both in our Chapters and our blue lodges was climbing. The peak was reached in 1953 and since then both percentages have steadily declined in about the same proportion. The percentage of those initiated into the chapters from the available also follows the same trend. In 1952 about 18% of our Blue Lodge masons belonged to the Royal Arch. Today the figure has dropped to about 16%.

The Royal Arch Mason magazine, published under the direction of the General Grand Chapter with a circulation of more than 100,000, is

doing much to promote the interests of Masonry and spreading "light" to the less informed. Many chapters have subscribed to the magazine for their entire membership. Many others have presented subscriptions to all newly raised Master Masons in their jurisdictions—an example well worthy of imitation.

There is an old saying, "You can't do business with an empty wagon". Ours is the reverse. We have a wagon load of goods. Our job—sell them.

To my successor, I extend my best wishes for a successful year and offer to him any support I am capable of giving.

As I bring this to a close, it seems that the following words from one of our great poets, can best express my sentiments:

How fine it is to close the book
Of records for the day, and look
Once more along the travelled mile
And find that all has been worthwhile."

The Grand Treasurer's report showed the total bank balance and receipts to be $10,094.59.

Totals in the checking and savings account and U.S. Bonds on September 30, 1958, to be $22,820.30.

Alva N. Anderson, of Phoenix, Arizona, was elected Grand High Priest.

Edward P. Schmitt, of Somerton, Arizona, was elected Grand Scribe E.

Arkansas

110th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Arkansas held on February 16th, 1959.

Chapters, 56; Membership, 8,210; Net Loss, 9.

M. E. Comp. Roy S. Bucy, Grand High Priest
M. E. Comp. Charles D. Mill, Grand Secretary

Fay Hempstead Chapter No. 144 Royal Arch Masons, exemplified the full form opening of a subordinate chapter in harmony with the ritual of the Jurisdiction. The presentation of the Colours followed and a special tribute to the flag was eloquently given by Comp. Kenneth Johnson.

Grand High Priest Roy S. Bucy was officially received and welcomed. A roll call of Grand Officers followed. 49 subordinate chapters were represented. 23 distinguished guests were received and welcomed. The Grand High Priest asked them to carry back to their several jurisdictions the Greetings and Good Wishes of the Companions from Arkansas. Those not already Honourary Members were elected to Honourary Membership.

There were 10 Past Grand High Priests in attendance and there were 39 foreign jurisdictions represented.

Address of Grand High Priest:—

"I have made at least one official visit to each District in the State and in some Districts I have made more than one visit.

On October 4th I journeyed to Booneville to restore their Charter. There were about 100 Companions present. There were 34 candidates present who received the first three degrees. This Chapter has great promise. Though we got a late start with the Seminars, I believe there has been a lot of enthusiasm shown that will be a great help to Royal Arch Masonry in the years to come.

Companions, during the past five years the Grand Chapter of Arkansas has consistently lost members. We have gone down from 9,010 to the present membership of 8,210.

My hope at the beginning of the year was to check that downward

trend and start the cycle on the upward movement. We have at least partly succeeded. This year we exalted 224, reinstated 105 and affiliated 34.

My Companions, for about forty years I have worked in Royal Arch Masonry, so I feel that presiding over this August Body today is my crowning glory. It has indeed been a privilege and pleasure to have served you in this capacity."

The Grand Treasurer reported a bank balance of $16,578.02, and total assets of $50,935.81.

The Grand Secretary reported:

13 Chapters showed no exaltations in 1959. 9 Chapters reported excessive suspensions from 5% to 13%. 20 Chapters showed loss in membership ranging from 01.6% to 9.2%. 20 Chapters showed a gain in membership from .01% to 10.08%. Although suspensions were reduced to 216 during the past year as compared with 748 during the year 1947, the number is still out of line.

At the last convocation the law repealing "**automatic suspensions**" was passed. A number of secretaries had no knowledge that it had been repealed. I am sure that a number of those suspended during the year would still have been active members had the secretaries looked over the Proceedings forwarded to them covering the last Convocation."

The distinguished guests made many interesting and illuminating remarks which I should like to report if space permitted.

Report of Committee on **State of the Rite**

The 109th Convocation approved the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on the State of the Rite. In so doing, the Capitular College was established. The State was divided into nine areas. The Grand High Priest appointed a dean for each of the areas. It was decided to give it a trial run in one area before going out on a statewise basis. The trial Seminar was held in Pine Bluff. The program was received enthusiastically with all the Chapters in that area participating. It was then decided to go ahead with the program.

Seminars were held in each of he nine areas except two. These could not be held due to circumstances beyond our control.

It is the opinion of the Board of Regents that—

(a) The **idea of the Capitular College is good** and that it was enthusiastically received by those who participated.

(b) Much was learned through the experience of this first year's work that will serve to improve future work along these lines.

(c) Those Companions who participated want it continued.

Representative from Grand Chapter of Arkansas to Grand Chapter of Canada is L. W. Williams of Osceola.

Representative from Grand Chapter of Canada to Grand Chapter of Arkansas is Howard Coleman of Sarnia, Ontario.

Election of Officers:—

M. E. Comp. Jacob L. King—Grand High Priest

M. E. Comp. Charles D. Hill—Grand Secretary.

British Columbia (with jurisdiction over Yukon Territory)

The 41st Annual Convocation held in Victoria, B.C., June 16, 1959.

Chapters, 37; Membership, 5,087; Net Increase, 227.

Grand Z., T. W. H. Walker, Victoria, B.C.

Grand Scribe E., Edgar B. Baker, Vancouver, B.C.

Representatives were present from 25 sister Grand Chapters and a cordial welcome was extended to them.

The Grand Z's address—"May we be endowed with the wisdom and spirit of the Most High in conducting the affairs of this Grand Chapter

that the tenets and lofty ideals of our Royal Craft will guide and direct our labours with the true spirit that characterizes all worthy Companions.'.

It is with the greatest pleasure that I am able to report that all negotiations for the transfer of the Yukon Territory from the Grand Chapter of Canada to the Grand Chapter of British Columbia have been concluded.

Our new Chapter, therefore, is Yukon Chapter which will be numbered 38, and included in District No. 6.

"In all my official visits I was received with honours and the courteous attention due a Grand First Principal. I was given the opportunity of addressing the Companions at length, both in open Chapter and during refreshment at the close of the meetings. My sincere thanks goes out to the officers and members of every Chapter for their kindness to me. Our Craft should be known, not by our magnitude, but by the standard of excellence attained by the individuals who compose it. We are apt to forget this and place a greater value on the institution than on the man.

"I attended the 12th Annual Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters at Halifax, Nova Scotia, in September, 1958. Minutes of this meeting were sent to all B.C. Chapters. Sorry to say that in my official visits to Chapters I found no evidence of them being used.

"Every organization is the lengthened shadow of a few individuals. Progress does not merely happen—it exists because some leading spirit activates its operations and controls its destiny.

"I am delighted to note the good work being done by the "Keystone." It is the only worthwhile direct contact we have between the Grand Chapter and the Companions other than the visits of the Grand Chapter Officers.

We are closing another banner year in the history of Capitular Masonry in British Columbia."

The Treasurer's report showed a bank balance on May 31, 1959, of $8,492.62 and investments of $10,000.00.

Officers for 1959-60:

Grand First Principal—R. E. Comp. Olaf Nelsen.

Grand Scribe E.—M. E. Comp. E. B. Baker.

It was recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Chapter of Helvetia Royal Arch Masons of Switzerland, and to the Grand Chapter in West Germany.

California

105th Annual, April 27-28, 1959.

Chapters, 124; Membership, 33,979; Gain, 587.

M. Ex. Wm. C. Leeson, Grand High Priest

R. E. Chester H. Newell, Grand Secretary

In the opening remarks of this report the Grand High Priest commented: "We meet today following an interval of four years in Romantic San Francisco . . . This year we have the additional inspiration of holding these sessions in the magnificent California Masonic Temple, located on fabled Nob Hill".

"**The Inspectors of the 37 districts**", said the Grand High Priest, "are being called upon to assume increasingly important roles as teachers of the Ritual to Chapter Officers, and as instructors in good chapter administration and operation. We require them to visit each of the chapters assigned to them regularly, generally not less than six times each year; attend conferences called by the Grand Lecturer and the Deputy Grand Lecturers and we are quite stringent in requiring them to prepare and qualify the officers of the Chapters in their district for advancement." This should ensure good administrative and ritualistic work in all the

chapters and lead to real capitular growth and success throughout the jurisdiction. Many other Grand Chapters might well take note."

Ritual Coaches. Along the same line we note this: "At the last Annual Convocation, this Grand Chapter passed legislation providing for appointment of Ritualistic Coaches in each chapter. Appointed by, and serving at the pleasure of the District Inspector, who is charged with their training and performance, these coaches are proving to be invaluable participants in the system of instruction which is continuing to strengthen the most fundamental consideration we have—that of conscientious ritual work."

Capitular Review. The Grand High Priest expressed gratitude to Ex. Comp. Ernst, who since 1951 has prepared the fine topical report "which has brought international recognition to California." [This reviewer joins with M. Ex. Comp. Leeson in his expressions of appreciation, Ex. Comp. Emmett Ernst's report is indeed outstanding.]

Visits and Activities. Included in the agenda is a detailed list of more than 120 meetings attended.

In conclusion. "An organization if it has no problems to meet and overcome, can become weak and lose its incentive for growth. That Royal Arch Masonry in California has problems is realized; and that there are no universal panaceas to these many problems is also freely admitted. But by being continually alert to these problems, we can take a positive attitude of aggressiveness and constructive thinking which will eventually bring about a solution to any given problem".

Re Suspension N.P.D. In a letter to the Excellent High Priest of California, M. Ex. Comp. Leeson submits an eight-point plan to reduce the number of suspensions. We regret that space will not permit us to quote this excellent plan in detail. However, we do wish to commend this plan to the Scribe E's of all jurisdictions as one that ought to get saisfactory results. May I quote instead from a suggested letter on collection of delinquent dues these few paragraphs, "If there are any reasons based on personal hardship or extenuating circumstances, which have prevented you from keeping your dues on a current basis, please do not hesitate to tell me so in order that proper steps may be taken to relieve you of this responsibility until you are in position to reassume your obligations.

"Your Chapter is interested in your welfare, and of course would like to have you attend our meetings when it is possible for you to do so. If you are unable to attend your own Chapter, we hope that you will visit with the Companions of the Chapter nearest to you.

"I would greatly appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience, and we look forward to seeing you in Chapter in the very near future."

Total receipts $48,646.96 for the past year, and total assets of $104,061.11 indicate a satisfactory financial situation.

Harry R. Sones was elected and duly installed as Most Excellent Grand High Priest for 1959-60.

A well-arranged correspondence report contains, on page 105 of proceedings, an informative comparative report on membership in last five years in Eastern and Central States, pointing out that last year California leads all states in net gain. [Congratulations.]

Colorado, 1958

Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation held at Denver, Colorado, September 17, 1958.

Chapters, 56; Membership, 7,569; Net Loss, 11.

M. Ex. Comp. Gordon R. Merrick, Grand High Priest
R. Ex. Comp. Harry W. Bundy, Grand Secretary

After the opening of Grand Chapter and the usual welcome and

reception of distinguished guests, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Representatives, the Grand High Priest presented his report.

This report was quite extensive (16 pages of fine print) and detailed with many interesting and illuminating comments not only upon the state of the Rite in his own jurisdiction, but upon Capitular conditions that are more or less general throughout the world. We shall be able to quote only a portion of the many statements that ought to be included in this review.

"Masonry is a solid institution. Its tenets are such that it will endure and prosper despite the occasional lapses of its transitory officers. It will—at all levels—quickly respond to intelligent aggressive leadership."

Particuarly important has been the constant effort to make all Grand Officers an integral part of a working organization. Gone is the old idea that Grand Officers should be only ornaments until their last year in line when they might be expected to accomplish miracles in one short year."

The Grand High Priest then reviewed the developments in the past four or five decades from the General Grand Chapters' 1918 revision of its 1891 ritual to the present. The story of these ritualistic changes makes interesting reading. He gives an example of a Chapter in a "high mountain" town that had fallen into very difficult days. "The 'work' is the basis of Masonry. When 'good work' is given there will be candidates. But when members cannot be proud of the way it is exemplified, is there any wonder this Chapter did not have candidates." The Grand High Priest then advances TEN reasons why other Grand Jurisdictions have made changes in their rituals. These are worthy of consideration.

New Chapters. "Big happenings of the year were the constituting of our eight new Chapters authorized at our last Grand Convocation. This is a great thrill that does not come to many High Priests."

Three old Chapters qualified for General Grand Chapter Ten Percent Awards.

Finances. A very thorough and practical discussion of facing and dealing with the spiral of rising costs was presented. The suggestions offered by the Grand High Priest seem calculated to meet with a financial crisis. The report of Grand Treasurer shows a balance of cash on hand of $11,055.39 with total assets of Grand Chapter (September 1, 1958) as $19,055.39.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a total of 443 exalted, admitted, reinstated. Deaths and Demitted account for the greater part of the 454 lost to Grand Chapter.

The annual election elevated M. Ex. Comp. Eugene L. Anderson as Grand High Priest. M. Ex. Comp. Harry W. Bundy remains Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Correspondence presented a very splendid Review in topical form under such headings as: Suspensions N.P.D., The Meaning and Purpose of Royal Arch Masonry, Degree Work, Chapter Interest, Etc.

Other Committees presented interesting reports.

Colorado, 1959

[Just about the time my Review was completed I received, among others the 1959 Colorado Grand Chapter proceedings. I regret that I have not space to include full details but will try to include significant

features, especially changes from the above 1958 report.]

85th Convocation held at Denver, September 23, 1959.

Chapters, 56; Membership, 7,500; Net Loss, 69.

M. E. Comp. Eugene L. Anderson, Grand High Priest
M. E. Comp. Harry W. Bundy, Grand Secretary

Report of Grand High Priest:—

"During the administration of M. E. Companion H. Baird Whitaker, an idea, new to Colorado, was intiated. Previously there had been no meetings of the Grand chapter Officers for group consideration of problems, ways and means, but that year there were three such meetings. Each Grand Officer was assigned eight Chapters to work with and was made the Personal Representative of the Grand High Priest in all eight chapters assigned to him.

"This year there have been four meetings of the Grand Chapter Officers. The notions that a Grand Officer may have had in previous years—that he has no obligations until he reaches the office of Grand High Priest are certainly being dispelled. Your officers today are officers in fact now—not only in name. Much time has been given to the problem of the Ritual.

"It has been my pleasure to visit seven of the eight new Chapters. Several Chapters deserve special mention for the large number of Exaltations. And yet with a few Chapters doing well, the over all condition in the State is quite deplorable. Last year we suffered a net loss of 11 members. This year it is really bad with a net loss of 69. Last year there were 223 exaltations; this year 209. Last year there were 80 suspensions N.P.D., this year 107. Certainly not a healthy situation.

"The expenditures have been kept well in hand this year, but we still show a deficit.

"I should like to consider the question of **leadership.** What are a few of the qualities, some of the responsibilities, and a few of the duties of satisfactory leadership?

"1. An effective leader should organize and plan along with his fellow officers. No meeting should ever be held without sufficient planning to assure expeditious handling of whatever business or work is to be done. Nothing is more boring than a meeting which drags.

"2. An effective leader will divide up the responsibilities, duties and details of the organization.

"3. An effective leader should make use of all facilities, devices or support which may be available.

As one of the leaders of your Chapter are you learning the work sufficiently? Good degree work is also a factor in attendance. Degree proficiency rests with the individual officers.

"And as a final word. As Masons we believe in God. Are we imploring His aid in our laudable undertakings?"

Commissions for Grand Representatives were issued as follows. Germany, Virginia, British Columbia, Maryland, Mexico, Oklahoma, Illinois, Switzerland.

The **Grand Treasurer** reported total assets as of August 31, 1959, to be $18,134.09, a decrease of $921.30 from previous year.

Election of Officers:—

M. E. Frank E. Woods—Grand High Priest.

M. E. Harry W. Bundy—Grand Secretary.

Connecticut

161st Annual Convocation held in Hartford, May 16, 1959.

Chapters, 45; Membership, 10,349; Net Loss, 116.

M. E. Pierson E. Dolbeare, Grand High Priest
M. E. Bliss W. Clark, Grand Secretary.

Distinguished visitors were introduced, received with Grand Honours and welcomed to seats in the Grand East.

Report of Grand High Priest:—

"I bid you welcome and trust that you will receive an inspiration by being present and that you will feel you are one of us. We welcome our distinguished guests and may I thank each of you for the courtesies shown me while visiting your jurisdictions.

"During the year we have lost three Past Grand High Priests and 293 Companions from our Grand Jurisdiction. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved friends and Companions.

"I attended the Religious Affirmation Day held at Burning Bush Chapter No. 29, East Haddam. A very inspiring message was brought by Rev. Roderick MacLeod. In listing the many Grand Jurisdictions I visited, I met many wonderful Companions and we had good times together. The exchange of information and ideas were of much value to me. In April, I visited the **Grand Chapter of Canada** held at Toronto with Most Excellent Companion Maurice A. Searle, Grand Z, presiding.

"Among the 18 dispensations issued were several due to change of dates of meetings occasioned by severe storms of March.

"On March 18, 1959, it was my pleasure to attend Washington Chapter No. 6 Middletown, and dedicate an Altar to Royal Arch Masonry. The most important article of furniture in a place of Masonic gatherings is undoubtedly the Altar. Long before Temples were built, **Altars** were erected. Noah is said to have erected one as soon as he came forth from the Ark. Among the ancients, both Jews and Gentiles, Altars were for two purposes, for incense and for sacrifice. Those for sacrifices were always erected in the open air, outside and in front of the Temple. Altars of incense only were permitted within the Temple walls. On these Altars of incense, bloodless sacrifices were presented and incense was burnt to the Deity.

"**The Masonic Altar**, like everything else in Masonary, is symbolic, and appears to combine the character and uses of both forms of Altars. It is an Altar of sacrifice, for on it the candidate is directed to lay his passions and vices as an oblation to the Deity, while he offers up the thoughts of a pure heart as a fitting incense to the Grand Architect of the Universe. Tonight, we are here to dedicate this beautiful Altar, given by Excellent Companion William A. Armstrong in memory of his mother and father. This Altar is now consecrated to the worship of the Living God and set apart as something sacred to the cultivation of the principles of Royal Arch Masonry.

"I cannot express my appreciation personally to all who have assisted me this year as your Grand High Priest. Everyone has helped and all your kindnesses and suggestions have made a most happy year for me.

"My closing words for one and all: May you all live as long as you want, and never want as long as you live."

The Grand Treasurer reported total receipts of $16,964.45 and total investments of $23,742.28.

Report of the Special Committee on Insurance.

After the 1958 Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, the Grand Priest appointed a committee to investigate the matter of insurance to protect against claims for personal injury that might be brought against the Grand Chapter, a constituent chapter or any of its members. Times are changing; the public is claim-conscious as never before; suits against Masonic organizations all over the country are occurring with increasing

frequency. A recommendation was made that Grand Chapter purchase liability and medical protection the details of which were presented.

Newly installed officers:—
Grand High Priest—M. E. Charles J. Fairhurst.
Grand Secretary—M. E. Bliss W. Clark.

District of Columbia

The 92nd Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia was held on February 14, 1959, at Washington.

Chapters, 11; Membership, 4,244; Net Loss, 103.

John E. Chrisman—Grand High Priest
Edward G. Cabel—Grand Secretary

There were 14 Past Grand High Priests present and a complete list of Grand Representatives were in attendance.

The Grand Visitor and Lecturer, Lucien G. Yung, read his report which was received and ordered to be printed: "Several members of the Committee on Work and lectures have visited each Chapter several times and observed the opening and closing ceremonies as well as the conferring of the degrees.

"There has been some improvement in the ritualistic work over the previous year, and the officers appear to be doing their best to confer impressive degrees. There are a few Chapters which present a picture of apathy with lagging interest.

"The attendance at convocations of several Chapters has shown a slight increase and in others it is very poor. A marked improvement is necessary if the Chapters expect to function properly. One of the greatest disappointments during the past year was the lack of enthusiasm in the Grand Chapter School of Instruction. Twenty sessions of the School were held and the average attendance was 24, which I consider very poor.

"All of the Chapters can be proud of their Past High Priests. These Excellent Companions have already given of their time and effort. I find that many of them are as much interested in their Chapters today as they were in the past."

Summary Reviews

The Chairman of your Committee has continued to review Grand Chapter proceedings received.

There is still a gain in membership in the Capitular Rite but the gains are considerably reduced. Twenty-eight Grand Chapters have reported gains and twenty-two have reported losses. There are 3,415 Chapters reported with a membership of 710,082.

Address of the Grand High Priest:—

"It is a privilege to have so many distinguished Companions from other jurisdictions honour us with their presence.

"We are also honoured by the presence of the presiding officers of other branches of Masonry in this Jurisdiction and we thank them for the cooperation and close harmony which prevails in our endeavour to promote to the utmost the sublime principles of our fraternity.

"We trust our members will continue to support the **Blood Bank** and encourage their families and friends to do likewise.

"I am deeply grateful to the members of the High Priest Association for their services to Capitular Masonry and their willingness to cooperate at all times. I urge all the Chapter Officers to regularly attend the Grand Chapter School of Instruction and take advantage of the opportunity it offers to become acquainted with each other.

"During the year I made an official visitation to each of the Chapters in this Jurisdiction. I also visited some of our sister Grand Chapters. These visits to and contacts with the Companions of Sister Jurisdictions are not only enjoyable, but are beneficial because it enables one to broaden his scope of thinking.

"The loss in our membership this year is less than last year but we must consider there has been a loss reported in our membership for eight consecutive years totalling 699. This, Companions, makes our membership less than it was fifteen years ago. I am sorry I do not have the answer as to what we can do to arrest this loss." [Who has?]

The Grand Treasurer reported balance on hand January 31, 1959, to be $5,190.35.

Election of Officers:—

M. E. Emerson B. Wise—Grand High Priest.

R. E. Raymond N. Babcock—Grand Secretary.

Supreme Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of England

FOUR QUARTERLY CONVOCATIONS

FIRST QUARTERLY, Wednesday, November 5, 1958.

M. E. Comp. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Scarbrough, First Grand Principal

The Committee of General Purposes, through the President, E. Comp. Sir George Boag, reported petitions for 4 new Chapters.

SECOND QUARTERLY, February 4, 1959.

Returns were presented showing the yearly increase in the number of Chapters on Grand Chapter Register from 1949 (2,361) to 1958 (2,575 Chapters). During the same ten year period Grand Chapter Certificates decreased from 8,101 to 6,777.

An appointment of a Grand Superintendent for Bombay, India, was announced by M. E. First Grand Principal. The new Superintendent, E. Companion Bhogilal Chimanlal, was to take office effective March 1, 1959.

THIRD QUARTERLY, May 6th, 1959.

Petions for 5 new Chapters were received. Authorization was granted Caledonia Chapter No. 204, Manchester, permitting the Members to wear the Centenary Jewel.

At a previous quarterly convocation (May, 1957) the Committee of General Purposes intimated that members of the VIth Scandanavian Degree might be "accepted as visitors to our chapters". A communication from the Grand Secretary of the National Grand Lodge of Denmark advised that, in future, such visitors will be furnished with a special certificate and instructions as to Lodge clothing.

Elective and appointed members of Grand Chapter for the ensuing 12 months were made at this meeting. Under the Royal Arch Regulations the Grand Master of the Craft automatically assumed the Office of First Grand Principal.

FOURTH QUARTERLY CONVOCATION, July 29, 1959.

Elections by Ballot. This RULING was handed down to all Companions: "It is unconstitutional to announce in connection with the ballot for an Officer of a Chapter that BLANK voting papers will be regarded as votes for any particular member. All blank papers, or those which for any other reason are uncertain, must be excluded from the ballot."

Prayers for the Petitions of Six new chapters were granted.

A warm welcome was given to a distinguished visitor, M. E. Comp. Rabbi Jacob Danglow, C.M.G., O.B.E., a Past First Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of Victoria, Australia.

Grand Chapter was closed in Ancient and Solemn Form. At the close of the proceedings the first verse of the National Anthem was sung.

Mark Master Masons of England and Wales

Quarterly Communications, December, 1958 - June 1959

On the Throne:

M. W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. Lord Harris, M.C., Grand Master.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Shepherd Eastward, Acting Deputy Grand Master.

The M. W. Grand Master paid a tribute to Bro. Lord Bruce, Substitute Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland: "Your family holds a high place in Freemasonry . . . It is indeed a happy occasion, because although in Scotland you do not hold the Mark Degree as a separate order, you include it in the degrees which come under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. We practise the Mark Degree alone, and do not combine it with the other Craft degrees." M. W. Grand Master then presented to Rt. Wor. Bro. Lord Bruce a patent of appointment as the representative of the Grand Master and of the Grand Lodge near to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. "Which I hope you may endure for very many years." To which Rt. Wor. Lord Bruce replied with gratitude for the warmth of the greeting on his own behalf and on behalf of the Brethren of Scotland.

This is worthy of note: Very Wor. Bro. His Honour Judge Blogden, Deputy Grand Registrar, slated an express provision "in our Constitutions" that if a Brother is expelled from the Craft by the United Grand Lodge of England he is **Automatically** expelled from Mark Masonry. During the 3 months ending September 30, 1958, there were 491 applications for Mark certificates.

Quarterly Communication, March 3, 1959.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Harris, M.C. was re-elected Grand Master for ensuing year, "A position he has held with great dignity and distinction for a number of years." The General Board reported 813 applications for Mark certificates for 3 months ending December 31, 1958.

Quarterly Communication, Tuesday, June 2, 1959.

During 3 months ending March 31, 1959, there were 1,176 applications for Mark certificates.

The General Board recommends removal from the Roll: Torii Mark Lodge No. 837, Kobe, Japan. During the above three months 35 petitioners to the Benevolent Branch were relieved to the extent of £4,195.

The Grand Registrar announced an **alteration to the Constitutions.** "Owing to recent developments there are now very many Brethren in this Order who are not directly under the jurisdiction of United Grand Lodge: they may be under foreign or Colonial or other territorial jurisdictions, or they may be members of other Masonic Orders. We have felt that whilst we are not prepared to say that expulsion from those Orders shall automatically involve expulsion from our Order, nevertheless, this Grand Lodge may treat it as a ground for expulsion from the Order."

The Grand Master: "We have today one really very great honour, because we have present the Grand Master of the Grand East of the Netherlands, Most Worshipful Brother C. M. R. Davidson, whom I have had the pleasure of investing as Past Grand Senior Warden this afternoon. (Loud applause). As you know, we have recently formed a Lodge in Holland, and it is largely due to him that we were able to do so, and he is looking after that Lodge in his position as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Holland. I am very glad that he is able to be here with us today. (Applause.)

Florida

112th Annual, Jacksonville, Florida, May 20-21, 1959.
Chapters, 60; Membership, 9.445; Gain, 74.
M. Ex. Charles W. Arnold, Grand High Priest
John Bridges Phelps, Grand Secretary

The Roll being called all Grand Officers and 13 Past Grand High Priests were present and 59 Chapters represented. A long list of distinguished visitors were introduced and accorded appropriate honours, and made honorary members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida.

Report of Grand High Priest. At the outset of his report, the Grand Grand High Priest requested a moment of silent prayer to "ask our Heavenly Father for Divine guidance in all our doings". Two new Chapters were begun at emergency convocations during the year at Eau Gallie and Princeton, Florida. The officers of each were duly installed by the Grand High Priest and a number of assisting Grand Chapter officers. As in many other jurisdictions during 1958-9 Grand Representatives of Florida near the Grand Jurisdictions of Argentina, Germany, Switzerland were appointed.

Among the**By-Laws Approved** we note October 14, 1958, "I approved amendment to the By-laws of Surf Chapter No. 57—to reduce the fee for initiation from $30.00 to $25.00 as passed at their regular convocation on September 1, etc." [This is a reversal of the usual trend and was no doubt a wise move in the case of the particular chapter.]

Visitations: An extensive list of visitations testify as to the interest and activities of the Grand High Priest [6 pages fine print.]

Among the **Recommendations** we note the following which might serve as an example to many other Grand Chapters: "I recommend that Grand Chapter enter into a contract with the publishers of the Royal Arch Mason magazine for every Companion now on the rolls of Grand Chapter and for each newly exalted Companion, the cost of which to be paid by Grand Chapter."

In the report of the Committee on Memorials we note kindly reference to the demise of our beloved M. Ex. John Alexander Macdonald, G.F.P., who passed to the Grand Chapter above May 19, 1958.

Grand Treasurer's report indicated total receipts of $35,673.36, and total investments of $63,000.00.

Our representative: M. Ex. Melville S. Gooderham.

Their representative: H. J. Wendland.

Georgia

137th Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia held in the City of Macon April 15-16, 1959.

Chapters 128 (91 present). Membership 27,443. Net gain 206.

Jay D. Barton, Grand High Priest.

W. J. Penn, Jr., Grand Secretary.

There were 17 Past Grand High Priests present.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"It is indeed a pleasure to have so many Chapters represented and I extend to you a most cordial welcome. I am also happy to welcome guests from Sister Jurisdictions.

"We deem it a rare privilege and honour to have with us Most Excellent Companion J. Luther Jordan, General Grand Priest and extend to you, Sir, our warmest greetings and our sincere thanks for having honoured us with this visit.

"During my term of office my object has been to help all Com-

panions in an endeavour to create and develop additional interest in Capitular Masonry. I issued a proclamation designating October 26, 1958, as Religious Affirmation Day. From all reports received by me from the various Chapters over the State interest in this Religious Affirmation Day is continuing to grow. I recommend it be a yearly affair.

I travelled 14,480 miles in making my visitations. The kind hospitality accorded me was very much appreciated.

My deepest appreciation to M. E. Comp. Penn, our Grand Secretary, for his help and assistance at all times.

I shall ever remember and cherish the peace and harmony and good fellowship that has prevailed throughout our Jurisdiction.

In addition to the death of our Grand High Priest L. S. Patterson and our Past Grand High Priest Bartis E. Goodman, 334 of our Companions have passed through the final arch to life everlasting. Our sympathy goes out to all who were bereaved."

The **Grand Secretary** reported that there were 1,229 exaltations in 1958. One hundred and eight Chapters reported exaltations during the year.

Companions, our gains are continuing to drop every year, and unless we exalt more Companions or devise means of keeping those that we now have on the roll it will only be a short time before we will be forced to report a loss in membership.

The **Grand Treasurer** reported a balance on hand of $43,923.46, and a total balance of $104,898.02.

Report of Committee on General Welfare.

We note with pleasure and satisfaction the completion of another successful year in the history of Georgia Capitular Masonry. However, we note with concern that the net gain in membership is steadily declining year by year. This condition, seemingly, stems from the number of suspensions due to nonpayment of dues. Forty-nine Chapters showed a net loss for the preceding year. We recommend that the secretaries of the subordinate chapters comply with the law as set forth in the code of the Grand Chapter wherein it is specially provided that due notice (summons) must be served upon each and every member before he can be suspended.

Grand High Priest Harry M. Stanley was presented with a Grand High Priest's Apron from his home Chapter Decatur No. 119, and with a Gold Honourary membership card from Sardis Chapter No. 77 of Atlanta for his outstanding contribution to Masonry over the years.

Election of Officers—Harry M. Stanley, Jr., Grand High Priest; W. J. Penn, Jr., Grand Secretary.

Idaho

51st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Idaho met on May 11-12, 1959, at McCall.

Chapters 21. Membership 3,048. Net gain 21.

Claude M. Gorden, Grand High Priest.

Edward H. Way, Grand Secretary.

Fourteen Grand High Priests were introduced and given a warm welcome. The Grand Representatives were received and welcomed.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"To all who are in attendance I extend a most cordial welcome. We rejoice also in the presence of the leaders of other branches of Free Masonry in our state. During the past year 58 of our Companions have answered the call of our Supreme Master. Let us pause for a moment of silent prayer in memory of these Companions of ours, and of other Grand Chapters, who have answered the final call.

During the year I was privileged to visit all the Constituent Chapters, some of them on more than one occasion. I wish to thank the five Chapters in North Idaho for holding Special Convocations to make my visitations more convenient. Companions were commissioned by me as Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Idaho near their respective Grand Chapters—Ransom H. Lepard, Nebraska; Ned T. Prator, Oklahoma; Everett F. Walker, West Virginia; Seth A. MacKay, Nevada; Clyde W. Picht, Utah.

Condition of the Craft:

During the year 1958 the Grand Chapter has showed a gain of 21. Our greatest loss is caused by suspension due to N.P.D. Before a member is dropped a personal contact should be made."

The **Grand Secretary** reported a net gain of 21. There were 136 Exalted, 20 demitted, and 51 suspended N.P.D.

The **Grand Treasurer's** report showed balance of $5,021.01 on May 1, 1959; total assets $12,244.27.

Election of Officers—Herbert H. Eberle, Grand High Priest; Edward H. Way, Grand Secretary.

Illinois

110th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois was held at Chicago on May 15-16, 1959.

Chapters 193. Membership 33,794. Net loss 996.

M.E. Comp. Harry E. Freeland, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Edward E. Core, Grand Secretary.

Distinguished guests were received and accorded appropriate honours. Most Worshipful Brother Harold R. Kopfman, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the state of Illinois, was accorded the Grand Honours of Masonry and in return expressed his warm thanks.

Among the Grand Representatives were six from Canada including Bruce H. Smith, Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter of R.A.M. of Canada.

Report of Grand High Priest—

"During the year I made many visitations in this Jurisdiction and attended several Annual Convocations of Sister Jurisdictions.

It was my pleasure during the year to issue 112 Fifty Year Certificates several of which I was privileged to present personally.

Three State Schools of Instruction were held during the year. I wish to convey my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Committee on Ritualistic Instruction for their fine work. My thanks goes to all the Grand Lecturers who attended the schools and gave their full co-operation and assistance to the committee.

Twelve appointments of our Grand Chapter and nine of our representatives near other Grand Chapters were made.

Notwithstanding the efforts of some of our Companions, who by their diligence were successful in increased membership, our Grand Secretary's report shows a loss in membership again this year.

Additional members are a necessity to compensate for our loss in membership each year through death and other causes.

During the past several years an increased lack of interest in Chapter affairs is being indicated. I believe we are failing to live up to our obligations and responsibilities as Masons in all of the Masonic Bodies and the time is here when we should all ask ourselves this question, 'Where have I failed in Masonry?' To be a Master Mason is a great privilege and honour. Our fraternity is a place where good men are taught to be better men. It is in your hands, Companions, to make Royal Arch Masonry prosper in Illinois. Our Homes for the aged at Sullivan

and for the children at La Grange continue to present to the world evidence of the ideals of Freemasonry."

The **Grand Treasurer** reported total assets of $121,040.59.

Report of Committee on Royal Arch Advancement—

The activities of this committee have been principally in the matter of furthering the importance of the Grand Chapter Schools of Instruction. We are grieved by the apparent lack of interest on the part of Chapter officers and members. However, that same lack of interest and listlessness has penetrated into our churches and into our fraternal bodies, and as a result we are slipping into the danger of ultimate oblivion. [The words of warning apply to so many jurisdictions and we have quoted many similar reports. The remainder of the report of this committee is well worth reading.]

Election of Officers—M.E. Comp. Mark C. Morgan, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. Edward E. Core, Grand Secretary.

Representative to Grand Chapter of Canada—Garland S. Thomas.

Representative to Grand Chapter of Illinois—James W. Wooland, Toronto, Canada.

Iowa

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Iowa held its 103rd Annual Convocation at Dubuque, April 24-25, 1959.

Chapters 91. Membership 16,200. Net loss 76.

Grand High Priest—M.E. Comp. J. Ellitt Grayson.

Grand Secretary—Ross J. Camblin.

Many Distinguished Guests were received and given appropriate honours among them being M.E. Comp. William Elliott, Past Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter of Manitoba; General Grand Principal Sojourner of the General Grand Chapter and personal representative of M.E.J. Luther Jordan, General Grand High Priest.

Following the reception of the distinguished guests the committee presented eight Past Grand High Priests who were welcomed and given honours. The Grand High Priest said: "These Past Grand High Priests have all made splendid contributions to Capitular Masonry in Iowa."

The Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions with whom this Grand Chapter is in fraternal correspondence as their names were called assembled west of the Altar. They were greeted by the Grand High Priest and directed to extend fraternal greetings in his behalf to the jurisdiction they represented

Six "Knights of the Royal Arch" were received and welcomed by the Grand High Priest, who said: "Your presence assures me that your selection for this 'Award of Merit' was well founded."

The Grand High Priest requested all members of the Knight York Cross of Honour to form west of the Altar—33 members responded. They were extended a cordial welcome.

Grand High Priest's address—"I am deeply grateful that we are meeting this year in Dubuque with Dubuque Chapter No. 3 as our host, and which shared in the establishment of our Grand Chapter more than a century ago. May Capitular Masonry continue to live and grow in this fine city on the west bank of the Mississippi River.

The Companions of this Grand Chapter, together with our visitors of other Grand Jurisdictions, meet here in a common cause to work for the good and advancement of Royal Arch Masonry.

The principles of our organization are founded upon the teachings of the Book of the Law. We humbly ask that our words, acts and deeds will receive Divine guidance, assuring decisions that will continue the growth, prosperity and advancement of Royal Arch Masonry in Iowa.

To our distinguished guests—those from other Grand Jurisdictions in the United States and Canada, and those from other Grand Bodies in Iowa, may I say you honour us with your presence. We are delighted to have you with us. Time with his all devouring scythe has not been idle during the past year. Companions from every walk of life are no more. Their places are vacant. Within ten days following installation of our present officers Comp. Fred L. Davis was suddenly taken from us at his home in Des Moines. He was our Grand Treasurer for such a brief time and left a vacancy in our official family. Let us give thanks that we have been privileged to associate with all these men in this great fraternity and let us, because of them, pledge ourselves to be better men that we may join with them in the ranks of the Celestial fraternity.

Our Grand Chapter is now on the second year of a three-year contract which enables every Companion of each Chapter in Iowa to receive the Royal Arch Mason magazine. This is an extremely well-edited quarterly that contains material of interest to all Masonic students of whatever degree or order."

(A very lengthly list of the Grand Chapter Visitations bears witness to the manifold activities of the Grand High Priest.)

"This past year we showed a small loss in membership which I hope won't be a yearly reality. However, there is sufficient cause for alarm to make it necessary for the leaders of our Royal Arch Masonry in Iowa and all jurisdictions to take a careful look at the situation. There is a demanding need of continuous and well-planned work by the officers of all constituent chapters. Active interest on the part of more of our members appears to be the keynote. During the past year we showed a net loss of 76 throughout the State. Our annual losses from suspension on account of non-payment of dues is appalling. For many years I have been associated with our Grand Secretary Ross J. Camblin as a man and a Mason. As a Grand Secretary he is tops. As a Mason he is exemplary in the discharge of every duty.

Let us never forget the principles upon which our Order is based."

In his **report** the **Grand Secretary** said: "Why this lethargy among our Chapters? We had 139 less exaltations in 1958 than in the previous year. Are we waiting for the right opportunity? Many of our Chapters are missing **opportunity** when it knocks because they are knocking louder.

Opportunity is what a strong Chapter makes for itself.
Opportunity is what an industrious High Priest grasps.
Opportunity is what a lazy one dreams about.
Opportunity is what a weak one waits for.
Opportunity is what a good executive sees and makes the most of."

During the Capitular year just closed the District Instructors held a total of 51 schools of Instruction.

The Grand Treasurer reported total assets to be $147,138.03.

Balance on deposit in Atlantic State Bank $13,947.91.

Election of Officers—Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Philip Pitts; Grand Secretary, Ross J. Camblin.

Ireland

Convocations of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland are held in Dublin in months of February, May, July and November, 1958.

Chapters 400. Membership—. Net—.
Grand King—Sydney Hanna.
Grand Chief Scribe—Ralph H. Dodd.
Letter from M.E. Grand King written January 8, 1959—
"The Convocations of Supreme Grand Chapter have been well attend-

ed. Prior to our July meeting we had an informal meeting of the Grand First Principals and a useful exchange of ideas followed.

I also had the great privilege and pleasure of visiting every District Grand Chapter in Ireland during the year and was greatly impressed by the efficiency of the officers in carrying out our Ritual and also with the enthusiam shown by all members. All these meetings were notable for the good attendances. The interest in our Order is being well maintained.

The District Grand Chapter reports all show continued interest and the issue of five new Warrants during the year is most encouraging."

Meeting of Supreme Grand Chapter in Belfast, February 8, 1958.

M.E. Sydney Hanna, M.B.E. Grand King on the Throne.

M.E. Ralph H. Dodd, M.B.E. Grand Chief Scribe.

The following Grand Chapters were represented—New York, Scotland, Louisiana, Tennessee, Ohio, Manitoba and British Columbia.

Owing to the death of M.E. Philip E. Hayward, Provincial Grand Superintendent, New Zealand, the Grand King appointed as his successor M.E. Leslie S. Judd. In response to an invitation received from the Grand Chapter of Canada on the occasion of their Centenary celebration the following resolution was adopted and sent to the Canadian Grand Chapter: "The Most Excellent Grand King and Companions assembled send their good wishes to M.E. Grand First Principal and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada and pray that the Supreme King of Heaven and Earth will continue to bless the happy and cordial relations which exist between the Grand Chapter of Canada and the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland."

Grand Chapter of Instruction.

Companions who witnessed the exemplification of the Mark Master Mason's Degree by members of the R.A.C. No. 250 Dublin in January spent a most enjoyable and instructive evening.

The Grand First Principal of Down reported that during the year visitors from Canada, Africa and New Zealand were welcomed at Convocations of the District Grand Chapter. During the year four church services were held and well attended.

M.E. William McC. Miller of the District Grand Chapter of Londonderry, Donegal, Tyrone and Fermanagh writes that Royal Arch Masonry continues to flourish in this district.

D.G.C. South Africa, Northern.

A very successful year reported. The Chapters are steadily progressing and are now working uniformly. There is a very high standard of efficiency in the rendering of the various parts of the Ritual by the officers.

M.E. Andrew J. Steyn writes from Southern Cape Province.

"There is perfect harmony between us and the sister constitutions in the Province. On March 25 at the Consecration of R.A.C. No. 368, Cape Town, the Superintendents of Sister constitutions honoured us with their presence and with a goodly following of their companions."

On this occasion Excelsior Chapter conferred Honoury Membership on the Superintendents of the English, Scottish and Netherlandic Constitutions and the Ex. King and Council invested each one of them with a Founder's Jewel.

The Grand Treasurer's report showed a credit balance of £482 18s 5d.

Officers for 1959—Grand King, M.E. Comp. Sydney Hanna; Grand Chief Scribe, M.E. Comp. Walter D. Kelso.

Supreme Grand Chapter Royal Arch Chapters of Ireland, 1959.

[We regret that this report reached us just as were going to print and we are able to make only a brief summary.]

A letter from the M.E. and S. Grand King reports a year of steady consolidation. Two new warrants were issued during the year, one in New

Delhi and the other in the District of Grand Chapter of Londonderry, Donegal, Tyrone and Fermanagh.

The May Convocation was held at Enniskillen and was most successful.

The most interesting meeting of the year was at Tullamore on July 2 when a joint meeting of the eight Chapters forming the Superintendency of South Connaught and the Midland Counties was held to consider the formation of a District Grand Chapter.

Foreign Representatives: From the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, M.E. Comp. Robert Brown, Past Grand High Priest.

From the Grand Chapter of Canada (Ontario): M.E. Donald McCaughtry, District Grand King of Antrim.

The following Grand Chapters were represented: New York, Quebec, Scotland, New Zealand, Nova Scotia and British Columbia.

Royal Arch Masonry throughout the Grand Jurisdiction has continued to make steady progress.

Officers for 1960—Sydney Hanna, M.B.E., M.E. and Supreme Grand King; James O. Harte, R.E. Grand Registrar.

Kansas

The 94th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas was held on March 9-10, 1959, at Wichita.

Chapters 90. Membership 16,217. Net loss 349.

M.E. Comp. Glenn E. Williams, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Charles S. McGinness, Grand Secretary.

Recapitulation:

Grand Officers present—14.
Past Elective Grand Officers present—13.
Past High Priests present—113.
Chapter Representatives present—98.
Total Representation—250.
Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters—54.
Distinguished Visitors present—11.
District Deputy Grand High Priests—13.
Number of Chapters represented—72.
Number of Chapters not represented—18.
Total number of Chapters on Rolls—90.

Two Chapters qualified for recognition of Certificates from the General Grand Chapter for 10 per cent or more increase in membership during the past year.

I quote some significant excerpts from the address of the Grand High Priest—"Today the problems of this world seem so complex and difficult of solution as to make our problems appear insignificant in comparison, but, if we are to take our rightful place in God's skein of events, we must send forth into the battles and complexities of this world men who have been schooled in those principles of truth and righteousness which we seek to teach and have been steeled by that zeal and fidelity that should ever actuate every soldier in this great army of God.

"Today this great country of our stands at the crossroads of national life which must sooner or later be faced by all the people of this world. As a nation we have joined that powerful group of nations known as "The United Nations" at whose meetings occur endless debates on questions that are never settled and we find ourselves whistling in the dark to keep up our courage under the dark clouds of the cold war.

"Here, within this Fraternity, it is our duty as Royal Arch Masons so to instill within ourselves and out votaries that principle of truth and fearless support of God that we may have the courage to carry the Light with us when we enter the battles and conflicts of this world.

"I could not be so ungrateful as not to mention my appreciation of the worth and work of our Deputy Grand High Priests. I cannot compliment this splendid group too highly for their fine and loyal service to the Royal Craft and their personal sacrifice in the performance of their duties.

If our Grand Lecturers are to give of their best they must put in perhaps more time in preparing for the work than in the actual instruction. They sacrifice a great deal for the Fraternity.

My visitations during the year were numerous and happy events."

Condition of the Craft

"It would be nice to ignore this topic because we are not fond of speaking of unpleasant or disappointing things, but the fact remains that a number of our Chapters are sadly in need of assistance and encouragement. I might lament the loss of membership which we have sustained, but I am inclined to be more interested in correcting the cause of this loss. Only a minor number of our Chapters have shown any gain during the past year; the great majority have shown a loss. A glance at the figures show 400 exaltations as against 333 deaths, 34 admissions as against 112 dimissions, 82 restorations as against 419 suspensions and one expulsion.

"Companions, let us search for reasons and not offer excuses. These delinquent Companions were not lost in a day. The fault must lie largely with us. These Companions came to us seeking Light and had we kept that Light bright and shining they would have found the way home. Do we take part in the work of the Chapter or are we too busy? Do we attend our meetings and help to make them interesting? Do we extend the warm hand of true Masonic Fellowship to our new members? Do we make it a point to attend our annual meetings? Do we try to bring the delinquent Companions back into the fold?

During the year we lost 333 members of this Grand Jurisdiction. We mourn their passing. Among the number to be called was M.E. Comp. Theodore P. Perry, who in his address to this Grand Chapter in 1949 used the following verse—

There must be something after death,
Behind the toil of men,
There must exist a God Divine
Who's working out a plan;
And this brief journey that we know
As life must really be
The gateway to a finer world
That some day we shall see."

The **Grand Treasurer** reported cash balance of $29,212.30 and bonds to the value of $22,500.

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. Ralph M. Burlin, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. Charles S. McGinness, Grand Secretary.

Kentucky

The 141st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky was held in Louisville October 21-22, 1958.

Chapters 98. Membership 16,079. Net loss 110.
W. S. Williams, Grand High Priest.
Charles K. A. McGaughey, Grand Secretary.

There were 15 Past Grand High Priests and 105 Past High Priests present besides many distinguished guests.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"We extend to our Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests the reverence which is due them for having served the Grand Chapter of

Kentucky during their alloted time of administration. Your presence here tonight is encouragement for those of us who are following in your footsteps. You are the guiding light of those who come after you.

Condition of the Craft

"We have had a good year in Royal Arch Masonry. We have no apologies to offer for being members of the largest Masonic organization under one head. We are told that our membership is approximately 700,000 world wide.

"No better organization exists today which will enable us to render the best service for mankind than that of which you and I are members, Royal Arch Masons. The philosophy of Masonry is contained in this oft-repeated excerpt: 'When is a man a Mason? When he can look out over the rivers, the hills and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things and yet have faith, hope and courage, which is the root of every virtue. When we know that down in his heart every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolic and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to forgive, and to love his fellow man. When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, yea, even in their sins—knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds. When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them and above all how to keep friends with himself. When he loves flowers, can hunt the bird without a gun and feels the thrill of an old forgotten joy, when he hears the laugh of a little child. When he can be happy and high-minded amid the meaner drudgeries of life. When star-crowned trees, and the glint of sunlight on flowing waters, subdue him like the thought of one much loved and long dead; when no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain and no hand seeks his aid without response. When he finds good in every faith that helps any man to lay hold of divine things, and sees majestic meanings in life, whatever the name of that faith may be. When he can look into a wayside puddle and see something beyond mud, and into the face of the most forlorn mortal and see something beyond sin. When he knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope. When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellow man, with his God; in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of a song—glad to live, but not afraid to die! Such a man has found the only real secret of Masonry, and the one which it is trying to give to all the world."

I had a busy year of visitations.

State of the Craft

"Our statistics this year show that we advanced 704 candidates and suspended 570. We have forgotten to close the back door. This year three Chapters suspended 156 members for non-payment of dues.

The unwelcome visitor, the Angel of Death, has visited our Jurisdiction 253 times during the year. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved.

The future of Royal Arch Masonry in Kentucky is just as bright as our zeal for the Institution. The world needs our organization and we need the sustaining influence which Royal Arch Masonry throws around us, its restraining influence constrains us to become better men."

The Treasurer's report showed a bank balance on October, 1958, of $18,706.50 and total assets of $76,500.00.

Election of Officers—James Forrest, Grand High Pries; Charles K. A. McCaughey, Grand Secretary.

Louisianna

112th Annual Convocation New Orleans, March 9-10, 1959.
Chapters 63. Membership 10,436. Net loss 56.
M. Ex. Comp. J. Albert Thompson, Grand High Priest.
M. Ex. Comp. Lee W. Harris, Grand Secretary.
The Credentials Committee reported present Grand Officers 14, Past

Grand High Priests 14, Companions registered 156. Total in attendance 198. Among the many distinguished visitors we note that Grand General High Priest J. Luther Jackson was present and presented Ex. Comp. Herman Morris, P.H.P., DeQuincy Chapter 79, with a Grand Chapter medal for Meritorious Service.

Address of Grand High Priest: In reporting on the state of the Order the Grand High Priest said: "The disturbing element in most of our Chapters over the State has been less exaltations and more suspensions than previous years. In my travels over the State I have witnessed some very fine degrees—but most all of them lacked the attendance they should have had at their meetings. Companions, we might ask ourselves wherein have we failed to hold their interest, or has the light slowly burned out. I have found where the interest of the officers is high the attendance is good." [These are familiar comments in Grand Chapter proceedings.]

Recommends: Among the many recommendations made by the Grand High Priest we note one that might well be considered by other Grand Chapters. "Any Companion Royal Arch Mason who attains the age of 65 years and retires under the Social Securities Laws and Regulations of the United States Government, and who has been a member in good standing in a Chapter in this jurisdiction for 10 years prior to his retirement shall, upon written request, thereafter pay one dollar in lieu of all annual dues, and the Grand Chapter will reduce the per capita tax from 75 cents to 50 cents in such cases." [I was unable to find what disposition was made of this recommendation.]

Correspondence took place between Louisianna and the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland relative to exchange of visits where the Most Excellent Master degree is concerned. The result is an agreement "that during the conferment of these respective degrees the Companions of our two Constitutions will not attend. We trust that our fraternal relations will always remain equally cordial as at present."

Financial: Total savings account $19,833.59. Total financial resources $67,703.74.

Demitted 64, died 178, suspended N.P.D. 329. Net loss 56.

Charley H. Burgess, Grand High Priest 1959-60.

Maine

134th Annual Convocation Portland, Tuesday, May 5, 1959.

Chapters 76. Membership 12,395. Net loss 144.

M. Ex. Comp. Nelson B. Camik, Grand High Priest.

M.E. Comp. Earle D. Webster, Grand Secretary.

Address of Grand High Priest.

"We are highly honoured and deeply appreciative in numbering among our guests M. Ex. Comp. Luther Jordon, General Grand High Priest.

I wish to extend to our many distinguished guests from sister jurisdictions our best wishes and warm fraternal greetings."

"Ten Schools of Instruction have been held under the guidance of our Past M. Ex. Grand High Priest Clyde French, with very beneficial results which has been reflected in the working of degrees at our inspections.

I believe that Chapter conditions in this Grand Jurisdiction, generally, are improving . . . however, there can be no relaxation in our efforts.

Many copies of notices have some to me indicating a better trend toward interfraternal meetings and degree work. All these things point to a stronger pulse and a gradual gaining of strength."

"Companions, it has been my purpose during my term of office in Grand Chapter to try and bring home to the Companions, whenever

possible, the importance of Masonry in our daily living. The Holy Bible, from which all of our impressive lessons are taken, is ever present upon our Altars. We are taught many important lessons of humility, love, devotion, morality and Christianity. In fact, we are taught so many lessons of goodness that from the first inception of Masonry we have been besieged by enemies who would tend to destroy it. Even in this more modern and civilized age when intolerance, hatred and bigotry are supposed to be things of the past, yet there is that ever underlying enemy which is well organized and seeking to destroy both our religious and political life. If we as Masons do not sharpen up to all this and put up a unified defence I would not want to predict what our future holds for us."

The Grand King, Robley C. Wilson, reported a busy year of many worthwhile meetings of which I would like to report several if it were possible. We congratulate him upon splendid service on behalf of Capitular Masonry.

General Fund—Receipts $13,239.30. Total assets $101,321.46.

Committee on Returns gives this summary:

Members exalted 329; reinstated 26; affiliated 19—374.

Members demitted 105; suspended 135; died 277; expelled 1—518.

M. Ex. Comp. J. Luther Jordan, General Grand High Priest, addressed the Convocation giving, as usual, an interesting, informative and inspiring address. [We regret that space consideration prevents us making but a few brief quotations.]

"I am often asked," said the General H.P., " 'What is the great project of Royal Arch Masonry?' I say to you with all the earnestness that I know that the great project of Royal Arch Masonry is to capture the hearts and lives of men and hold them true and faithful to the ideals we profess with our lips that we believe in and too often deny with the actions of our lives that we have any such faith. There is no room in Freemasonry for dissension, bigotry, jealously, rivalry. If we mean what we say we need to have a united front."

"The answer in your Chapter and mine is not the Grand High Priest out there with the brass collar around his neck; it is the boys on the firing line in the individual constituent Chapters that must catch the vision and must get the enthusiasm and must do the work. The only place on earth that Royal Arch Masons can be made is in Chapters. Constituent Chapters are the lifeblood."

"I would to God that we might catch the vision of our privileges and our responsibilities. I would to God that we might undertake to spread Capitular Masonry to the ends of the earth, to be sure, but what is more important still is to spread it to the nooks and corners and to the highways and to the hearts of the great cities of man."

For 1959-60—M. Ex. Comp. Ira D. Turner, Grand High Priest; M. Ex. Comp. Earle D. Webster, Grand Secretary.

Manitoba

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba met in the 36th Annual Convocation on February 11, 1959, at Winnipeg.

Chapters 18. Membership 2,372. Net increase 53.

M. Ex. Comp. Hugh Eakin, Grand Z.

M. Ex. Comp. C. J. Hutchings, Grand Scribe E.

Twenty-one distinguished guests from Grand Chapters in Canada and the United States were welcomed and given Grand Honours, among the number being M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and M.W. Brother W. A. Prugh, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Fourteen Past Grand First Principals were present and received a welcome and appropriate honours.

Address of the Grand Master M.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh—

"I assure you it is a pleasure to be with you today and I thank you for your warm reception. I bring fraternal greetings from over 16,000 Free Masons of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. There is a tie of allegiance on the part of the members of your Order who have evidenced their desire to pursue further the history and philosophy of Freemasonry.

"Masonic history records that the Royal Arch has had an accepted place in Craft Masonry since very early times. First and above all we are Master Masons and what every Freemason should be concerned with today, at whatever level he may be serving Freemasonry, is making Masons instead of just members. Let us, by devotion to our Craft Lodge, develop in our members a greater consciousness of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Let us carry the tenets and teachings of Freemasonry into every area of life."

Address of Grand First Principal—

"With your encouragement and loyal support I entered upon the work filled with an earnest desire and determination to be of some constructive service to the Order. Many of the goals have not been attained, but I have endeavoured to carry forward the work to the best of my ability.

On behalf of the Grand Chapter I wish to thank those serving on committees for this Annual Convocation. The splendid co-operation and the hard work which have been so cheerfully given are indeed a proof that Masonry, and especially Royal Arch Masonry, is the means and the implement by which true brotherly love and companionship are exemplified.

During the year I visited 18 subordinate Chapters and several Grand Chapters in Canada and the United States. One of the most outstanding visits was to the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, where the Grand Chapter Centennial of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada was held from April 26 to 29.

As I take my place in the ranks among you, I give you my word that I will continue doing my best to advance Capitular Masonry in Manitoba."

Honourable Companion Roblin, Premier of Manitoba, expressed his thanks for the warm and friendly welcome given him. He said he was very pleased to bring a welcome from the government. He paid tribute to the contribution made to the public welfare by Freemasonry.

The Grand Treasurer reported total assets of $4,590.18 as of January 31, 1959, with a bank balance of $2,565.28.

Election of Officers—M. Ex. Comp. R. A. Carruthers, Grand Z.; M. Ex. Comp. C. J. Hutchings, Grand Scribe E.

Maryland

161th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland was held in the city of Baltimore on December 9, 1958.

Chapters 26. Membership 7,438. Net loss 9.

M.E. George B. Wells, Jr., Grand High Priest.

R.E.D. Ross Vansant, Grand Secretary.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"Every Chapter in the state was visited at least once either individually or jointly in groups of two or three. Your Grand High Priest believes that these **joint visitations** work out very satisfactorily in the counties and throughout the state as the attendance was very gratifying and created better understanding and greater interest among the Grand Chapter and Grand Council.

On April 27, 28 and 29, 1958, I attended the 100th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada at the Royal

York Hotel, Toronto, Canada. This was indeed one of the outstanding occasions of my Capitular year. Everything in Canada has the word 'Royal' in it, and indeed we were most cordially welcomed and treated 'royally.' My daughter Helen accompanied me and I am sure we will never forget it. One hears a great deal of southern hospitality, I believe that somewhere in the past we must have taken a page out of the book of our Companions to the north of us as their kindness and liberality was unsurpassed, and we extend our thanks.

"On June 28, 1958, the Grand Chapter officers went to Cumberland, Md., and conferred the Royal Arch Degree upon forty-two Companions in a special convocation (out of doors) for Salem R.A.C. No. 18 at the Ali-Ghan Country Club. So far as we can ascertain this has been done in Maryland.

This Grand Chapter is most fortunate to have as the head of the School of Instruction of Capitular Masonry Grand Lecturer Ellwood Smyrk. In visiting throughout the State one can easily pick out those who attended the School of Instruction. The classes are well attended and a keen interest is shown. After the Degree or work of the evening is completed the Grand Lecturer turns the meeting open for discussion on any question or part of the work. I suggest that all Chapter officers in this Jurisdiction take advantage of this wonderful opportunity of attending these schools.

Salem Chapter No. 18 has exalted 62 new members, more than any other chapter in the state. The General Grand Chapter medal for meritorious service was awarded to the M.E. Grand High Priest of this Chapter, Thomas S. Gifford.

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Condition of the Craft

While we received more exaltations during this year than last, yet we close the year with a loss of nine. The City Chapters showed a net loss of 50, although one Chapter (Adoniram) showed a net gain of 20. The county Chapters showed a net gain of 41.

On the whole the general condition of our subordinate Chapters is satisfactory. They are striving for perfection in their Ritualistic Work and this should increase interest and promote better conditions."

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance in treasury of $4,564.61.

Election of Officers—M.E. Comp. Bird H. Dolby, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. D. Ross Vansant, Jr., Grand Secretary.

Maryland

The 162nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland was held at Baltimore, December 8, 1959.

Chapters 27. Membership 7,494. Net gain 56.

Joseph Carrow Bryan III, M.E. Grand High Priest.

D. Ross Vanzant, Jr., R.E. Grand Secretary.

Address of Grand High Priest.

"It is with sorrow that we report the death of 150 of our beloved Companions which includes 11 Past High Priests.

I have made all the Grand visitations as scheduled, and during the year I have attended, within this state, many meetings of other Masonic bodies.

I sent a letter to each of the Grand Representatives extending my fraternal greetings and best wishes. We are grateful to these Grand Representatives for the work that they do in extending the fraternal spirit of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the world.

At the Regional Meetings and at the Grand Visitations, and upon

other visits to the various Chapters, I regularly called attention to the fact that consistent net losses of membership causes loss of prestige, popularity and attraction, which, in turn, causes loss of confidence and enthusiasm and that, unless the continuous losses are checked, it can become a fatal disease. Like a patient's temperature, our membership gains and losses are indications of our general health.

In June, 1958, Keystone Chapter No. 32 at Hyattsville undertook to sponsor the institution of a new Royal Arch Chapter on the south side of Washington, D.C. On June 15 I issued a dispensation to organize York Chapter U.D. and instituted it with appropriate ceremonies the same evening in the Seat Pleasant Lodge Hall, Maryland. This is the first new Chapter formed in Maryland in 35 years. We welcome it."

"We are most happy that the Grand Chapter can report a net gain of 56 in membership this year. This Grand Chapter has been suffering a net loss each year since 1952 except for a small gain of 13 in 1957. If the deaths this year had been as great as last year we would have ended this year with a net loss of 10.

It is proposed to increase the per capita tax from 75 cents to $1.25 per member.

I heard of one case of a companion who had paid his dues for 45 years until he retired under social security, and because of his reduced income he failed to pay his dues and was suspended for N.P.D. I am making no specific proposal in this regard, but suggest that the committee that will be considering the proposed Constitutional amendments give serious thought to this problem of reduced incomes of retired members."

Grand Treasurer reported receipts for the year of $11,992.72.

New Officers elected for 1960—Joseph Carrow Bryan III, Grand High Priest; D. Ross Vanant, Grand Secretary.

Massachusetts

Proceedings of Quarterly Convocations of March 11, 1958, at Boston; June 10, 1958, Boston; September 27, 1958, Amherst, and 160th Annual Convocation Boston, December 9, 1958.

Capters represented 73. Membership 24,495. Net loss 188.

M.E. Eugene P. Carver, Jr., Grand High Priest.

M.E. William F. Clark, Grand Secretary.

The amendment to the Grand Constitution adopted as a PREAMBLE was read by the Grand High Priest at the March 11 meeting and is a very striking exposition of the Essence and teaching of Capitular Masonry. "Capitular Masonry is a charitable, benevolent, educational and religious secret society, adhering to its own peculiar ancient customs and rituals, including the ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry. The methods of recognition and of symbolic instruction are secret and thereby a test of membership is provided, though a Companion be travelling in foreign countries and among those who would otherwise be strangers.

"It is religious in that it teaches monotheism, the Volume of the Sacred Law is open upon its altars whenever a Chapter is in session, worship of God is ever a part of its ceremonial, and to its neophytes, and Companions alike are constantly addressed lessons of morality; yet it is not theological. It is educational in that it teaches a perfect system of morality, based upon the Sacred Law, by a prescribed ceremonial.

"It is benevolent in that it teaches relief of the poor and distressed as a duty and exemplifies the duty by relief of sick and distressed Companions and their widows and orphans.

"It is charitable in that none of its income inures to the benefit of any individual, but all is devoted to the improvement and promotion of the happiness of mankind.

"It is a social organization only so far as it furnishes additional inducement that men man foregather in numbers, thereby providing more material for its primary work of training, of worship, and of charity."

Having appeared on the printed notice of this Convocation it was unanimously adopted.

June 10 meeting: A committee appointed to consider request for recognition made by the Grand Chapters of Germany, Switzerland, The Netherlands, and Argentina. 174 Companions present, 50 Chapters represented.

September 28 meeting: The committee cited above after tendering full information as to the formation and working of the four named Grand Chapters recommended official recognition.

Incorporation. After consideration of the advantages of "becoming incorporated as a charitable corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusettes" (especially to the constituent Chapters), a motion was moved, and unanimously approved by vote, in favour of incorporation.

In memoriam. A memorial to the late R.E. Comp. Charles Thomae, Past Grand Scribe, a beloved Companion with a record of fifty years of outstanding Masonic service, was read by R. Ex. Benjamin W. Taylor, Past Deputy Grand High Priest. In this memorial reference was made to Comp. Thomae's outstanding services, his exceptional craftsmanship as a silversmith, his business success and his Masonic progress.

Finances were reported as "in excellent condition."

A very interesting address, "The Development of Perfume Through the Ages," was given by R.E. Warren E. Kell. It is a masterpiece and I regret space does not permit us to quote in full. Its reference to the spices and incense of the temples and to the frankincense and myrrh brought by the Wise Men as gifts to the Christ Child tie up the subject to Masonic tradition.

Annual Convocation December 9, 1958.

During the morning and afternoon sessions the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent and Royal Arch were exemplified by Grand Chapter Exemplification Degree Teams.

The evening session reconvened at 6 o'clock. All Grand Officers present, also 28 permanent members. Seventy Chapters and 43 Grand Chapters represented. Various committee reports were received. The report on Religious Affirmation Sunday, fourth annual observance, commented upon the zeal and fidelity of the Companions who attended in great numbers despite the most inclement weather throughout the whole jurisdiction.

The statistics of the Grand Secretary's report are given at the head of this review. His financial statement showed receipts of $48,112.51.

The Grand Treasurer indicated total assets $126,828.17.

Many distinguished visitors were received and welcomed at the banquet table, among them we note M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle, Grand First Principal Canada.

Address of the M.E. Eugene P. Carver, Jr., **Grand High Priest.** We shall quote and refer to only a few significant statements in this outstanding report.

"Perhaps the most important event in the Grand Chapter this year, and certainly the most unusual one, was our incorporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusettes as a charitable organiation." (Details previously noted).

"For the first time in several years we show a net loss for the year. Every organization to which I have belonged has the bugaboo of losing members by suspension. I think our record of some one per cent is a good one on that score, but I feel that it should be much better, and I

feel that every suspension for non-payment of dues is a stigma not only on the member but on the Chapter.

A suspension means that we have absolutely wasted all the time and work we did to secure his application and also the time and effort we put in to initiate him." The Grand High Priest urged "greater effort to salvage some of these Companions."

In the election of officers M.E. Eugene P. Carver, Jr., again became Grand High Priest. M.E. William F. Clark Grand Secretary. All elected officers were installed and appointments made.

Michigan

111th Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan was held on October 16-17, 1959, at Saginaw.

Chapters 145. Membership 30,552. Net loss 348.

M.E. Comp. Walter D. Strobel, Grand High Priest.

M.E. Comp. Roy Andrus, Grand Secretary.

The flags of the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada were presented and appropriately displayed in the Grand East.

There were many distinguished guests present from other Grand Jurisdictions and from other Masonic Grand Bodies of Michigan. They were introduced and received with the private Grand Honours of Masonry.

Many Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions near Michigan were also received with private Grand Honours.

Grand High Priest's Address—

"We all hope for miracles to make our year outstanding and one did happen in my year! (Remember Caro Chapter No. 96 with its 79 candidates.)

Seven hundred and sixty-four of our Companions have answered the call to higher service during this past year. We extend our sympathy to the families of our deceased Companions. On November 8, 1958, a wonderful reception and testimonial dinner was given in my honour by Saginaw Valley Chapter No. 31 and Joppa Chapter No. 63. The memory of it will live forever in my heart.

"This is the third year that the incumbent Grand High Priest has sent monthly letters to our Michigan Chapters. It is physically impossible for him to personally visit all the Chapters and this medium provides him with a chance to convey each month to the members of this Grand Chapter items of importance to all the Chapters.

"I made many visitations during the year and among the many interesting ones was one on April 11, 1959. This was my greatest thrill of the year, when Caro Chapter No. 96 initiated 79 candidates out of 87 petitions. This achievement has made me believe that anything is possible if there is a will to do. To have visited the various Chapters and other Masonic Bodies was a delightful experience. To have felt the warmth of their welcome and the sharing of their friendship was certainly soul-satisfying. My life has been made much richer for having been able to make these visitations.

Among the visitations to sister Grand Jurisdictions was the one to the Grand Chapter of Canada held in Toronto April 27-29, 1959. The hospitality of our hosts was perfect. In addition to being able to bring to our Canadian Companions the best wishes of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, it was also the privilege of your Grand High Priest to respond to a toast at the Grand Banquet. I was accompanied on this trip by Arthur M. Burke of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons and Mrs. Burke.

During the year 19 permissions were granted, 11 of them for International visits with Chapters in Canada (Ontario). [Two were in con-

nection with visits to this Reviewer's own Chapter, St. Andrews 238 (London). I can vouch for the friendly intercourse enjoyed at these visits.]

During my Grand Chapter years it has been interesting to watch the continuous development of the efficiency of our District Deputy System. We have as fine a trained group of experts on Capitular Masonry as can be found anywhere. P.G.H.P. Myers and his committee have done an excellent piece of work in laying the ground work for a fine Educational program and I commend them for a job well done.

"It has been the privilege of our Grand Chapter to have had the services for many years of one of its most distinguished Past Grand High Priests, Roy Andrus, as its Grand Secretary. He has been greatly esteemed throughout the State of Michigan, not only in the Grand Chapter but in all Masonic Bodies. Due to his health he has tendered his resignation and it has been accepted with great regret. We wish him and Mrs. Andrus many years of happiness.

State of the Craft

"During the past eight years I have observed that the most successful Chapters we have are those having social activity in addition to ritual work. Masonry came into being as a social organization and we have grown somewhat neglectful of that aspect of our Masonic life.

Under the present District Deputy system inaugurated a few years ago our Chapters have steadily become more proficient in their work."

The **Grand Secretary** reported that three Chapters have made a ten per cent gain in membership during 1958 and have been presented with certificates by the General Grand Chapter. One of the Chapters Wayne No. 182 received this award for nine years in succession.

The **Grand Treasurer** reported a balance as of October 31, 1959, of $1,677.47 and bonds to the value of $4,500.00.

A lengthy Report of the Public Relations Committee Royal Arch Advancement is well worth considerable study. In addition to commenting on the "declining trend," the committee sees it as a challenge to all of us. A list of "promotion aids" follows and also a splendid list of special programs. An interesting report of the History Committee deals with the contribution to Craft and symbolic Masonry made by John Mullett who served as Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Michigan 1843-5 and who assisted in the formation of its Grand Chapter in 1848.

Election of Officers—William A. Hudson, Grand High Priest; Orlow J. Myers, Grand Secretary.

Minnesota

98th Annual Convocation held in Minneapolis October 12-13, 1959.

Chapters 76. Membership 16,295. Net loss 56.

M.E. Comp. Harvard B. Olson, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Emil A. Wold, Grand Secretary.

The United States colours and the Canadian colours were presented by a Colour Guard composed of the Grand Captain of the Host and the Three Masters of the Veils. Most Excellent Companion Ralph J. Godin recited a tribute to the U.S. colours and Most Excellent Companion Frank E. Simmons of Manitoba recited a tribute to the Canadian colours. The colours were received under an escort composed of Past Grand High Priests of Minnesota.

Among the Grand Representatives answering the roll call was Clarence A. Olson representing Canada.

The Address of the Grand High Priest. "One cannot travel to all parts of the state to visit and converse with the Companions both in this Grand Jurisdiction and in others without making some observations and drawing some conclusion. First, I am concerned with what is happening to our beautiful Capitular Rite, the lack of enthusiam on the part of our

Companions and their reluctance to attend meetings, indifference on the part of some of the officers of the importance and necessity of learning their work, all of which with the ever present problem of deaths and suspensions results in an insignificant increase in our membership and in some instances an actual loss.

"Our Capitular Rite has lost none of its beauty, its teachings of morality and above all its spiritual implications. It is we who have lost our concern for these things and are substituting in their place a desire to seek after worldly pleasures.

"During the year I have made many visitations and in February, 1959, my wife and I attended the Manitoba Grand Chapter Convocation in Winnipeg. I was elected an Honoury Member of that Grand Chapter. The many courtesies tendered me and the friendship I have met with both within and beyond the bounds of this Grand Jurisdiction are priceless treasures which I shall always cherish. My wish is that this Grand Chapter and all subordinate Chapters may truly be the instruments of spreading the Light of Masonry, a light so much needed in our day and age."

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand October 12, 1959, of $13,-972.10 and a grand total of $76,890.27.

Officers elected—Grand High Priest, William B. Holtz; Grand Secretary, Emil A. Wold.

Mississippi

The 111th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held in Jackson on May 13-14, 1959.

Chapters 58. Membership 10,697. Net gain 118.

D. D. Hill, Grand High Priest.

Sid. F. Curtis, Grand Secretary.

Among those present were 14 Past Grand High Priests and 14 distinguished guests.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"May I extend to each one of you a hearty welcome to this our 111th Convocation. I also extend a cordial welcome to the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Commandery of Mississippi as well as to the officers of the Scottish Rite and Shrine. We especially appreciate your presence here today.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the bereaved ones of those Companions of our own and other jurisdictions who have answered the call to higher service.

One of my first official duties as your newly elected Grand High Priest was to deliver the charter to Singing River Chapter No. 155 at Pascaguola, which had been granted by the Grand Chapter.

I have attended 70 Masonic meetings and travelled 10,410 miles during my term of office.

State of the Craft

This year our gain was practically the same as in the previous year. I hope this is a sign that we have reached bottom and will start on the way back up the ladder this next year.

I believe that interest in Royal Arch Masonry is on the upswing. Most of our Chapters are very much alive and working toward improving the quality of their degree work.

The Grand Chapter of Mississippi is indeed fortunate to have Companion Sid. F. Curtis as Grand Secretary.

Our Grand Lecturer continues to discharge the duties of his office in such an efficient manner that we are likely to take his work for granted.

I recommend that the names of the recipients of the Distinguished Service Award be listed in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter. We are happy to award this Distinguished Service Medal of the year to Com-

panion John Henry Wooten of Luarel Chapter No. 126. He has rendered outstanding service to Masonry for some thirty years.

During the year I have found the subordinate Chapters most co-operative and my thanks goes out to them."

The Grand Lecturer's report contained much pointed comment and advice as to condition of the Rite in this Jurisdiction. He makes a very capable analysis of the several factors that contribute to the alarming number of suspensions. [Last year 364 Companions were suspended in the Chapters in Mississippi. This is more than three per cent of the membership.] However, he notes that Mississippi is among the leaders in Royal Arch Masonry throughout the United States, standing fourteenth in the entire nation in the matter of percentage of Master Masons who are Royal Arch Masons.

The **Grand Secretary** reported a net gain of 118. 497 were exalted. Total additions were 706. 362 were suspended N.P.D. Total deductions were 588. As of this date no Chapter is indebted to the Grand Chapter.

The **Grand Treasurer** reported total assets on hand March 31, 1959, to be $110,378.85.

Election of Officers—W. L. Holland, Grand High Priest; Sid. F. Curtis, Grand Secretary.

Missouri

113th Convocation was held in the R.A. Temple, City of St. Louis, Monday, April 27, 1959.

M.E. Comp. Irvin J. Frieberger, G.H.P.

M.E. Comp. Ray V. Denslow, G. Secretary.

Membership December 31, 1958, 23,257. Net loss for year 85.

A number of distinguished visitors in attendance, duly presented and extended appropriate honours.

Address of Grand High Priest.

"The Supreme Architect of the Universe during the course of the year has called 470 from this earthly court to be admitted within the veil of heaven to the full enjoyment of life eternal." Then the Grand Chaplain led in offering supplications to Almighty God in memory of departed Companions.

District Deputies.

"Immediately upon my installation as Grand High Priest I commissioned 21 district deputies. . . They were charged to visit their Chapters frequently, advise with them, encourage activities, arrange district meetings, hold conferences to discuss local problems and methods of securing petitions and conferring degrees, and to report promptly any Chapter needing assistance.

"For the past several years the district deputy system has been operating on a year-to-year trial basis. I feel that the time of decision is at hand, the time we must go all out to make this plan work or abandon it for something that will. Therefore I suggest that the present grouping of Chapters be carefully studied . . . with the object of bringing Chapters into more compatible association where advisable."

Condition of the Rite

"I hesitate to express myself upon this subject because of the many variable conditions throughout the State with no trend of pattern unless it be that of complacency. It is true that we had a few more exaltations than the previous year, yet we suffered a net loss of 85, our first loss in sixteen years. . . Eighteen Chapters had no exaltations. . . . How an average Chapter can come up with 49 exaltations and during the same year a small Chapter have 57 suspensions is beyond my comprehension."

Royal Arch Forum.

A R.A. Forum for district deputy Grand High Priests, Grand Officers

and all other interested Companions, was held in Columbia September 7, 1958, with 150 in attendance. The program consisted of short talks, well prepared and well given. Intervening discussions resulted in a very interesting and constructive meeting.

Irregular German Chapter. As was done in many Grand Chapters in the United States, a resolution or edict was issued against visitors from Celtic Chapter of Germany which to quote, "Was formed by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland in violation of Masonic comity."

Investments. "This was the first time in many years that an addition was made to our investments ($5,000). Because of constant inflation for many years it is worthy of note to realize that the same amount of investment today does not compare in value with that of twenty years ago, and therefore, in order to maintain a level of security it is essential that some additions should be made to our investments when it is possible to do so." [The above is something that all Chapters and Grand Jurisdictions would do well to note.]

Charity and Relief. "Charity within our ranks is an obligation, but our Grand Chapter has over the years constantly distinguished itself for the contributions it has made to varied deserving purposes around the world." Reference was then made to $200 given to Pusan Children's Hospital, Korea.

"Charity is such an outstanding tenet in our fraternity that we should never fail to exercise that privilege to the extent that our ability will permit."

Visitations. A very lengthy detailed report (eight pages of fine print) leads one to marvel at the tremendous activity displayed night after night by the G.H.P. in a wide variety of duties including installations, conferences, Chapter visitations, addresses, etc.

Conclusion. "I have had a very busy year (an understatement) . . . concluding with these appropriate verses:

It's not what you get, but what you give,
It's not what you say, but what you live,
Giving the world the love it needs,
Living a life of noble deeds.

It's not whence you came, but whither bound,
It's not what you have, but what you've found,
Striving for the right, the good, the true,
These are the things worth while to you."

The Grand Treasurer reported credits of $84,050.96 and investments of $110,380.00, an encouraging financial report.

"The Capitular World." Under this title the Grand Reviewer, M.E. Ray V. Denslow, Past Grand High Priest, makes a unique presentation, topically arranged, of what has transpired in the various Grand Jurisdictions during the past year. In his introduction he reviews the rise and accomplishments of the General Grand Chapter. Among the outstanding achievements he makes mention of the Royal Arch Room in the Great George Washington National Memorial in Alexandria, the Royal Arch Magazine and the reprinting of several Masonic books. The Royal Arch Magazine goes to all parts of the world, "the high water mark in 1958 when some 108,000 were printed."

Referring to the Triennial Meetings "which brings together Companions from all over the world . . . here are settled some jurisdictional disputes which cannot be settled through correspondence."

In concluding M.E. Comp. Denslow hits a more optimistic note when he says: "More time is being devoted to the extension of R.A. Masonry than ever before in its history. Let's strive for that MILLION members. It can and must be done."

The statistical report with which his review closes is very helpful and is commended to any Masonic readers desiring to obtain a true picture of the growth and extent of Capitular Masonry in the United States and Canada in 1958.

Montana

Seventieth Annual Convocation, Kalispell, June 3, 1959.
Chapters, 33; Membership, 4,893; Net Gain, 7.
M. Ex. John A. Peters, Grand High Priest
Rt. Ex. Comp. Wm. A. Thaanum, Grand Secretary

12 **Distinguished Guests** were introduced and given appropriate honours.

Address of the M. Ex. Grand High Priest:

"To our distinguished guests from neighbouring Sister Grand Jurisdictions we extend a special welcome.

"We are saddened by a serious loss in the passing of our beloved M. Ex. Comp. Fred M. Brown at his home in Medford, Oregon. Fred was Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter in 1947-48.

"The Angel of Death has also summoned many other Companions in this and Sister Grand Jurisdictions. We extend our deepest sympathy to their beloved ones in their bereavement."

Among the commissions issued to Grand Representatives we note: "March 19, 1959—To Rt. Ex. Comp. David Horcusas, Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of Canada (Ontario).

Grand Officers' Mid-Year Meeting.

September 13, 1959, this meeting was held at Masonic Library Building at Helena. After a general discussion regarding the program of the committee, R. E. Comp. Andrew R. Sims to prepare an outline for papers on the subject: "Why I am a Royal Arch Mason" and Ex. Comps. Geo. S. Fulton and Frank W. Osborne were assigned the task of outlining material for papers on the subject: "What Makes a Good Officer", which two subjects were chosen for discussion at each district meeting during the year.

There followed a report of **ten District meetings**, which I regret I cannot report in detail. I can quote these words of the M. Ex. Grand Z.: "These meetings are primarily for the officers of the constituent Chapters but also bring in attendance many interested Companions."

Visitations. Among the many reported we note in particular one made February 12-13 to the Grand Chapter of Manitoba at Winnipeg: "Under the guiding hand of M. E. Comp. E. Eakin, Grand High Priest, 164 Companions were exalted THREE OF THEM BEING HIS OWN SONS."

On May 26-27, 1959, the Grand Z. attended the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan at Moose Jaw and notes a net increase in membership in the Jurisdiction of 134.

State of the Rite. "In general, Capitular Masonry in Montana is in a very healthy condition. We show a small gain this year and all constituent chapters are active. We anticipate an upward trend ahead."

The Grand Z. concluded by saying that like others he had high hopes of "doing something that would be of benefit to the Craft. Time alone will record the answer." [We are quite sure that the answer, revealed in the distant future, will be the "well done" acorded to every sincere and faithful Companion.] Grand Treasurer's report shows financial progress. Grand Secretary's report in addition to facts given in heading: (total degrees conferred 716); Losses, 179; Gains, 186.

In the report on Fraternal Correspondence we were interested in the comments. Let us quote as follows: "We find that other Committees

on Fraternal Correspondence reports run from no report up to as many as 100 pages. It would be fine to write up all the different Grand Jurisdictions if the Craft ever got to see the report, but how many do ever get to read the proceedings of their own Grand Chapter—very few—a proceeding is sent to the High Priest, Secretary and maybe one to the Instructor. They may look over some of the things that happened but hardly ever look at the report on correspondence. So your Committee will not tire you with a long report, but will give you the number of Annual Convocations, Chapters, Members Exalted, Died and Suspended N.P.D., Gain and Loss."

Then follows the above report on 49 Grand Bodies of which we shall give you only a summary: Chapters, 3,571; Members, 709,744; Exalted, 30,896; Died, 14,947; Suspended, 11,529; Gain, 3,495; Loss, 2,685; Net Gain, 810.

England—1,751 Chapters. Scotland—647 Chapters. "In that time (161 years) they have had only 35 Grand First Principals (one held office for 30 years). Ireland—588 Chapters (like Scotland these are scattered throughout the British Commonwealth). New Zealand—94 Chapters; Membership, 7,880. Victoria (Australia) 69 years old—107 Chapters; 10,577 Members.

Mexico—(2 years old), 5 Chapters; 351 Members.

Republic of Phillipines—(6 years old) April 25, 1958; 22 Chapters; Membership of 1,145; Increase 140.

1959-60—M. Ex. Comp. Andrew R. Sims, Grand High Preist.

Rt. Ex. Comp. Wm. A. Thaanum, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska

The 92nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska was held at Omaha on December 3rd and 4th, 1958.

Chapters, 47; Membership, 8,273; Net Gain, 64.

M. E. Comp. Louis V. Sylvester, Grand High Priest

M. E. Comp. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary.

There were 17 Past Grand High Priests present and many distinguished guests who were received and given appropriate honours.

Address of Grand High Priest:

"During the year I have travelled some 25,000 miles in my official visitations and have made many observations and have arrived at certain conclusions: I feel concerned at what is happening to our beautiful Capitular Rite, the lack of enthusiasm on the part of many of our Companions, their reluctance to attend meetings, the indifference on the part of many officers to the importance and necessity of learning their work. Then there is the problem of suspensions. Another concern has to do with leadership and the lack of it in too many of our Chapters. How can we be progressive and militant when we persist in placing in office individuals whose only concern is to advance through the line and appropriate unto himself the title of Past Grand High Priest?

"Are we putting things of lesser value first and relating to second place those things which are most important to the success of many worthwhile endeavours, even life itself?

"Our Capitular Rite has lost none of its beauty, its teachings of morality and above all its spiritual applications. It is we who have lost our concern for these things and are substituting in their place a desire to seek after worldly pleasures.

"A committee has been busily engaged during the year in formulating a standard plan of floor work for the Most Excellent Master degree.

"My visitations were numerous within our own jurisdiction and in

other Grand Jurisdictions. My wife and I along with M. E. Comp. and Mrs. Carl Greisen attended the Centennial year of the Grand Chapter of Canada held in Toronto, Ontario. For four days we were treated to the ultra plus of hospitality and pageantry unequalled anywhere. Of particular note was the dignified and impressiveness with which all sessions were conducted, and the resplendent regalia of all officers and distinguished guests, particularly those Companion from overseas."

Four general letters were issued to the subordinate chapters during the year. Two of these letters also carried information on the standings of the chapters with regard to number exalted and the prospects for the balance of the year.

Condition of the Rite

"Our Capitular Rite in this Grand Jurisdiction is making headway and with proper incentive and good leadership, continued improvement can be expected."

Report of Committee on Nebraska Masonic Homes

After a fine luncheon at the Senior Girls' Home, we journeyed on to Plattsmouth for a visit with the old folks. There are now eighty residents, 21 men and 59 women. Of these, there are two married couples. We found the residents in fine good spirits, perhaps reflected from the pleasant good spirits and pleasing personalities of the Superintendent, William F. Evers and his son, Raymond F., Assistant Superintendent. "Little Utopia" in the form of a new shopping center, where things can be "bought for free" is a new innovation. The residents journey to the "store" every day, sometimes more than once, to see what new additional items have come in since their last visit.

The Grand Treasurer reported total assets to be $16,048.00.

Election of Officers:

M. E. Ehm. J. Sorensen, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary.

New Brunswick

72nd Annual Convocation held in Moncton, June 25th, 1959.

Chapters, 12; Membership, 1,493; Net Gain. 5.

M. E. Comp. John Alexander Gorveatte, First Grand Principal

M. E. Comp. Roy E. Crawford, Grand Scribe E.

Many distinguished visitors were received and given appropriate honours. Several Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions extended greetings from their Grand Chapters and extended best wishes for a successful Convocation.

The Roll Call found fourteen Past Grand Z's present.

Grand Z's address:—

"At this time we, as members of the Masonic Fraternity, join with all loyal citizens of our Dominion in welcoming our Queen and His Royal Highness Prince Philip on this occasion of the royal visit.

"During the year we lost some of our members through death. We mourn their passing and their memories we cherish.

"You will note Companions that for the first time this Grand Chapter has exchange of Representatives with the Grand Chapter of Switzerland.

"I have visited all the chapters within this jurisdiction during the year. On April 20, 1959, I paid an official visit to Sussex Chapter No. 9. On this occasion I was honoured with the largest delegation of Grand Chapter Officers and members to accompany me on any of my official visits. This was a very inspiring Convocation. The beautiful degree of M. Ex. Master was presented in a highly creditable manner and I am happy to report Sussex Chapter in most excellent condition.

"One of the foremost conditions to cause concern is the lack of

attendance at our Convocations, a condition which has been emphasized during the past years. It prevails not only in this branch of the Fraternity but in all branches, from the Blue Lodge to the higher orders. Nevertheless membership figures have been fairly well maintained, in fact showing regular small increases. This would indicate that many of our members are interested in membership only and that only a small percentage are interested in the welfare of our Fraternity as such.

"To improve this condition it has been the recommendation of my predecessors, and fully endorsed by me, that strong visiting committees be used to look after any who may be sick or in distress. That telephone committees be appointed to contact Companions who may need or who would respond to invitations and reminders.

"The year has given me many anxieties and many pleasures, and a broader understanding of the principles of our Masonic way of life."

Report of Executive Committee:—

Resolved that this Executive of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Brunswick desire to record its satisfaction and pleasure at the high honour conferred upon our well beloved Most Excellent Companion Roy E. Crawford, Grand Scribe E., by the Companions recently granted dispensation to form a new Chapter at Sackville, N.B., in selecting as the name of their Chapter—Roy E. Crawford Royal Arch Chapter No. 13.

The **Grand Scribe E** made a splendid detailed report on membership followed by comparisons for the last four years. From these figures it was noticed that four Chapters show gains, seven show losses, one no change. Exalted up 2, affiliated and reinstated up 21, suspended and withdrawn and demits up 8, deaths down 1. Sixteen demits as above mentioned affiliated with Roy E. Crawford Chapter.

Grand Treasurer reported a steady increase in financial resources with a bank balance on June 5, 1959, of $1,795.84.

Election of Officers:

M. E. Comp. George J. Langell, Grand Z.

M. E. Comp. Roy E. Crawford, Grand Scribe E.

One of the outstanding features of the proceedings just reviewed was the splendid address, printed in full, which M. E. Comp. Rev. Daniel MacKenzie gave at the 21st Annual Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters held at Halifax, Nova Scotia, September 17th, 1958, the subject being "The Contribution of the Holy Royal Arch to the awareness of the Spiritual in Free Masonry."

[I regret that space does not permit my quoting several moving and inspiring passages from this address.]

New Hampshire

140th Annual held at Concord, May 9, 1959.

Chapters, 26; Membership, 3,507; Net Loss, 49.

M. Ex. Comp. Harold S. Foster, Grand High Priest

Rt. Ex. Comp. Hiram W. Johnson, P. Grand High Priest

All Chapters represented by P. High Priests and other representative officers. Many distinguished guests were heartily received with due honours accorded.

Address. "Give an account of thy stewardship, for now, thou canst be steward no longer" (St. Luke 16: 2). Among the list of visitations we note on March 24, 1959, a visit to the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec at Montreal, Canada.

In Canada we regret the passing of Alfred H. White their representative and welcome William Barnes commissioned April 23, 1959.

The Deputy Grand High Priest reports "a vastly increased vitality in

the capitular rite in New Hampshire". Other Grand Officers commented similarly to the above statement.

The Grand Treasurer's report showed an increase of over $1,000.00 in balance on hand at end of the capitular year, May 7, 1959.

The Grand Secretary reported: "Complete returns have been made by all constituent chapters and all fees and dues paid. Exaltations for the past year numbered 101, a decline of 17 from last year 36 demitted, 31 suspended N.P.D. (10 more than last year). The large cities showed the largest losses. The smaller cities and towns showed gains. The net loss for year 49."

Rotation of Grand Officers: The vexed question of rotation was dealt with by a committee appointed who brought in a report recommending that nothing be definitely decided upon in this connection and that the committee be discharged. However, upon further discussion in Grand Chapter, motion was made and seconded and voted that further discussion on the question of rotation be laid upon the table.

Elections resulted in M. Ex. Percy H. Bennett as Grand High Priest 1959-60.

New Jersey

102nd Annual Convocation, Trenton, N.J., May 2nd, 1959.
M. Ex. Jesse Schaem, Grand High Priest
M. Ex. William Beck, Grand Secretary

Chapters, 61; Membership, 9,449; Net Loss, 47.

13 Grand High Priests present. 21 distinguished guests were accorded Grand Honours.

Address of Grand High Priest: "We are happy to greet our Grand Officers, Companions and many guests from our sister jurisdictions. Friendship is the touchstone of Masonic principle and the foundational ingredient upon which brotherly love is erected and perpetuated."

Visitations: A lengthy list (7 pages) of visitations testified that the Grand High Priest had, indeed, a busy year and did much to stimulate interest and activity in Capitular Masonry not only in his own jurisdiction but in several other jurisdictions in the United States.

Most Ex. Comp. Schaem, with considerable humour, paid sincere tribute to the exceptional services of the M. Ex. Grand Secretary. Also R. Ex. Geo. W. Grand, Fraternal correspondent, was complimented. "For the many long hours of studious labour and the excellence of your material which left no stone unturned in the analysis of the many proceedings that crossed your desk, I have nothing but the very highest praise."

Recommendations. While making no recommendations requiring action by his own Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest proceeded to make 5 suggestions of procedures which would be of benefit to many Grand Chapters. I shall quote one or two of these. (3) Consideration should be given to the consolidation of Chapters where advisable. (No use maintaining two small weak Chapters where amalgamation would result in one vigorous growing Chapter). (2) "I strongly urge the capitular development of initiates with respect to their acquisition of knowledge of Royal Arch Masonry." [Failure to do so is one of the reasons for loss of membership.]

Grand Treasurer reported that receipts for year $20,015.21 with more than half remaining as cash on hand.

Election of Officers resulted in M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth Ridley being Grand High Priest for 1959-60.

Lecture. An interesting lecture on the Past Master Degree was given by the Grand Historian R. E. Harold V. B. Vrorhis. On July 5, 1796 a resolution was proposed 'that every master elect may be installed in a Lodge of Past Masters, any rule or regulation to the contrary not-

withstanding'. The Grand Historian continues to trace references and developments of this degree from 1853 onward trying to solve the mystery of what was the ritual to be followed in this degree. "In 1908 the subject again came up and it was still called the Past Master's degree. However, so far as this so-called Past Master's Degree is concerned it has no legend and really is nothing but a qualifying ceremony. The name is a mis-nomer. The incongruity is that these "qualifying secrets" are given in a Past Master's Lodge which Grand Lodge has made no provision to exist. Words and signs do not make a degree—it also takes an allegory or legend . . . we can divorce the ceremony and these so-called Lodges of Symbolic Past Masters from the degree and Lodges of the same name in Royal Arch Chapters."

In the **Report** of the **Committee** on **Fraternal Correspondence** there is a splendid summary (12 pages) of statistics and trends of R.A.M. Chapters. In the summation we note "23 jurisdictions show an actual improvement. Not only has the membership increased but the ratio of Royal Arch Masons is shown to be more favourable. Twenty-one other jurisddictions show a slight increase in membership. The net annual gain shown by the 60 jurisdictions according to our earliest statsitics is 12,619. According to our latest statistics is is only 2,365. If it were not for the gains recorded by 5 jurisdictions—Ohio, Georgia, Tennessee, Texas, and Florida — there would actually have been a net annual loss for the 60 jurisdictions. Of the 8 Grand Chapters in Canada all recorded gains with the exception of New Brunswick which recorded a slight loss." [See Report N.B. for 1959—Shows gain 5.]

New Mexico

Sixty-second Annual Convocation held at Albuquerque, May 18, 1959. Chapters, 20; Membership, 3,366; Net Gain, 123.

M. E. Comp. Alvis F. Denison, Grand High Priest
R. Ex. Comp. Elmer H. Riemen, Grand Secretary

All visitors, distinguished guests, etc., were given a warm welcome and accorded appropriate honours.

Address of Grand High Priest:

"We re-instated 4 more Companions than last year. We also had 14 fewer suspensions. We should all remember that it is just as important to hold a Companion in our Chapter as it is to secure a new petition; for a disgruntled ex-member is bad publicity in any organization."

The Grand High Priest visited all constituent Chapters once and some of them several times. In most Chapters the officers were proficient in their work. Washington Chapter has suffered during the drought that has plagued Clayton area for 6 years. Another Chapter suffered through closing the coal mines, yet this Chapter turned out in greater numbers than any other Chapter visited, (except my own Chapter) and conducted their work with a snap and a precision that would do credit to any chapter.

"There is nothing wrong with Royal Arch Masonry in New Mexico that good leadership could not correct. All in all, I believe that Capitular Masonry in New Mexico is in fair shape, and the fields are ripe for harvest."

Recommendations: "Since we have not had a committee on Foreign Correspondence for several years, I recommend that it be abolished."

"That $500.00 be given the Knight Templar Eye Foundation as our charitable project for the year."

Grand Treasurer reported total receipts of $12,889.01 and a total worth of $46,324.59.

The Grand Secretary's report is partially noted in the heading. Total exalted 203, making total gain of 244. Total deductions 121, leaving a good net gain.

Election of Officers placed Fred B. Hartsman as M. Ex. Grand High Priest for 1959-60, and Elmer H. Riemen as R. E. Grand Secretary.

New York

162nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York Royal Arch Masons met on February 5-6, 1959, in Albany.

Chapters, 213; Membership, 33,860; Net Loss, 669.

M. E. Comp. Frederick C. Breithaupt, Grand High Priest
M. E. George A. Labert, Grand Secretary

There were 14 Past Grand High Priests and 330 Representatives of Chapters in Attendance. Distinguished visitors from the several Masonic Bodies in the state of New York, from the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and from neighbouring Grand Chapters were received and given Grand Honours.

Address of Grand High Priest:

"It is my privilege to welcome you all to this Annual Convocation. We trust your stay among us will be most enjoyable.

"It is with keen sorrow and regret that I must report the passing of one member of our Official Family, Most Excellent Earl C. McCulloch. He was a gentleman and loved by all who were fortunate enough to know him. I have caused a memorial to be issued as a tribute to his memory.

"It was my privilege to address the 11th Annual International Night in Massena on September 25th. This annual visit is sponsored by Massena Chapter No. 300 and Covenant Chapter No. 113 at Cornwall. The joint meetings do much to cement the fraternal relationship with our northern neighbours.

"The Officers' Manual is now off the Press, three copies were sent to each Chapter.

"The Committee on Masonic Education and Service is one of the most important and active committees in Grand Chapter, and deserves the strong support of all Companions. For some unknown reason, only about one half of the Chapters take advantage of the services offered by this wonderful committee.

"During the year I made 108 visitations, covered in all about 18,000 miles. 1958 may not have been a successful year as far as gains are concerned but it brought increased activity in many Chapters and decreased activity in some. We never seem to be able to get the entire state to be active at the same time."

The **Deputy Grand High Priest** in his report recommended that the use of the gavel before and after prayer be discontinued. Several other worthwhile recommendations were made.

The **Grand Secretary's** report showed a decrease of 113 in the number of Exaltations and a decerase of 13 in the number of affiliations as compared with the previous year. Dismissions in 1958 were 26 more than in previous year and suspensions were 147 more.

Two Chapters have a membership of over a thousand—St. George's No. 157 have 1,067 members and Orient No. 138 have 1,009. The smallest chapter in the state has a membership of 25.

Eight chapters will be entitled to receive the General Grand Chapter Certificate for reporting a net gain of ten percent or more in their membership.

The **Grand Treasurer** reported cash on hand January 22, 1959, to be $64,093.27.

The **Committee on Masonic Education** gave an extensive, detailed report on the necessity and advantages of an energetic program of Masonic Education and recommended that an appropriation of $2,500.00 be made for its work in 1959. The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York carries out through its **Committee on Tuber-**

culosis Relief a wonderful piece of work in connection with the relief of distressed tubercular Royal Arch Masons and their dependants throughout the state.

Election of Officers:

R. E. Comp. A. M. Nielson, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Comp. George A. Lambert, Grand Secretary.

New Zealand

Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand held its 67th Annual Convocation, Dunedin, February 11, 1959.

Chapters, 100; Membership, 7,971; Net Gain, 91.

M. Ex. Comp. J. N. Anderson, Grand Z.

Rt. Ex. Comp. E. Cannons, Grand Scribe E.

Grand Chapter was duly opened in Ample Form by the Grand Z., the M. E. Comp. W. D. Kennedy, First Grand Principal of Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and a strong delegation of his Grand Chapter Officers were welcomed and accorded appropriate honours. Immediate business was the Election of R. Ex. Comp. F. F. Boustridge as First Grand Principal for ensuing year.

Address by M. Ex. Comp. J. N. Anderson, First Grand Principal: "On October 11 last, I had the honour of consecrating and constituting St. James Chapter 100. The establishing of this chapter numbered 100 on our Register completes the first page of our history, and we now eagerly await whatever the second page may have in store. I was able to visit every District in the territory. At each visit I was privileged to address the Companions on the symbolism of one or the other of our three Degrees and, in all cases, the interest was most gratifying. There are, undoubtedly, many sincere Masons who have experienced a sense of frustration because their Chapter left them high and dry and did not continue the Masonic instruction for which the ceremonies of each Degree provide so excellent a foundation . . . Today we are faced with seemingly unsolvable problems. Men are wrestling from the universe secrets that increase the complexity and uncertainty of existence. As Royal Arch Masons we have, or should have, the increased spiritual awareness that enables us to comprehend more of the uncertainties of life."

Honoris Causa Rank. In accordance with Law No. 5 Supreme Committee recommends that Honoris Causa Rank be conferred upon 14 Companions as a mark of approval of past services in the cause of Royal Arch Masonry. This was done. Reports of auditors showed receipts and investments evidence a satisfactory financial status.

At the Evening Session R. E. Comp. F. F. Boustridge, Grand High Priest, was installed by M. E. Comp. J. N. Anderson, P.G.Z., assisted by Grand Officers. After the investiture of the Officers the First Grand Principal addressed the Companions. M. E. Comp. Boustridge chose as his subject "the interrogation, by Prince Lerubbabel, of the three sojourners after their return from the vault", bringing out from this scene the Great Fundamental Principle of our Order—our duty to God, to our neighbour and to ourselves.

Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

North Carolina

137th Annual Convocation, Asheville, May 14-15, 1959.

Chapters, 42 (12 not represented); Membership, 7,508; Net Gain, 38.

M. Ex. Samuel Bruce Hildebrand, Grand High Priest (Acting)

R. Ex. Alva L. Williams, Grand Secretary

Canada's Representative, E. G. La Patra. North Carolina's Repre-

sentative near Canada, R. E. Comp. B. S. Scott.

Eleven distinguished visitors were received, introduced and given Grand Honours. There were ten Grand High Priests present. Among the Grand Representatives present was E. G. LaPatra from Canada.

Report of the Acting Grand High Priest:

"Another Capitular year draws to a close, and it is with unique pleasure that I welcome each of you. I deem it a signal honour to extend these greetings and words of welcome to the Companions of subordinate Chapters, and to you, our distinguished guests from sister grand jurisdictions.

"In the words of William Shakespeare, I find suitable expression for my feelings, 'I hold the world but as a stage, a place where every man must play a part and mine a sad one'. For a number of years I have been familiar with the duties of a Grand King, but I never thought it would fall my lot to assume the station of a departed Grand High Priest. Yet on January 24, 1959, the mantle of our beloved Grand High Priest fell on my unprepared shoulders. It was then that I keenly realized that the heights of Masonry are not reached at a single bound, but step by step we mount to the summit. In my conferences and correspondence with our efficient Grand Secretary I have been amazed at the work our Grand High Priest accomplished in the shadow of death. He laboured long and faithfully to complete his work ere the week closed and the Sabbath of Eternity set in. His most cherished dream was to stand where I now stand and preside over this Grand Body." [The Grand Chapter of Ontario extends deepest sympathy to the Grand Chapter of North Carolina on the great loss sustained through the passing of their Grand High Priest and other Companions.]

"On December 29, 1958, a Dispensation was issued for forming a new Chapter to be called Lexington Chapter U.D.

"Roanoke Chapter No. 81 at Weldon, N.C., held no convocations in 1958 and not more than one in 1957. It was decided to arrest the Charter of Roanoke No. 81 and transfer the membership to Rocky Mount Chapter No. 57. They will be notified of this, and they can pay up their dues and be in good standing with continuous membership.

"I recommended that $1,000.00 be appropriated for the Board of Lectureship to defray the expenses of setting up and conducting a School of Instruction in each of the ten Capitular Districts in North Carolina yearly. From informatoin I have received from the Grand Secretary, Capitular Masonry is in a healthy condition: as is evidenced by continued growth in membership, reduction of N.P.D.'s, and improvement of ritualistic work. Ritualistic work is the crux of the whole matter. A great deal of credit for this improvement is due to the high calibre of men of the Board of Lectureship. I owe an unending debt of gratitude to R. E. John H. Parker, Grand Secretary-Recorder for the assistance he has given me in tying together the threads of this Capitular year which were broken by the untimely death of our Grand High Priest, Alton E. Baum. Had it not been for the information he had at hand and which he so graciously passed on to me, this report would still be in the rubbish of the Temple. His untiring efforts and willingness to help, have lifted a great burden from my shoulders."

The Grand Treasurer's report showed total receipts to be $23,026.54. Total investments $38,000.00 and grand total resources $55,879.94.

Samuel Bruce Hildebrand was elected Grand High Priest.

Charles Carpenter Ricker was elected Grand Secretary.

North Dakota

The 70th Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota met at Devil's Lake, March 12-13, 1959.

Chapters, 22; Membership, 2,763; Net Loss, 45.
M. E. Comp, Frank S. Hunter, Grand High Priest
M. E. Comp. Clifford E. Miller, Grand Secretary

Many distinguished guests were received from the United States and Canada including the General Grand Chapter Representative M. E. Comp. William Elliott of Manitoba and the Representative of the Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M., M. W. Brother and Companion Harold S. Pond.

On Thursday evening, March 12th a banquet was held in the Masonic Temple and 181 Companions, guests and ladies were present. Dr. C. K. S. Moffatt, pastor of Emmanuel Church at Brandon, Manitoba, gave the principal address basing his theme on "Masonry at Work".

Address of Grand High Priest on March 13th:

"Peace and security appear to me to be the pursuit of good people in all ages. Here, or in Masonry, we are bonded together in Faith, Brotherly Love, Companionship, True Knighthood and Noble Living, attempting to share that peace and security with the whole world. God granted us noble minds. May Brotherly Love prevail, companionship continue and enmity be erased.

"During the year I visited many Chapters in this Jurisdiction and in other Grand Jurisdictions. I found the interest and zeal in Masonry good on these visitations.

"Thank you Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba for honouring me with an Honourary Membership in your Grand Chapter.

"I wish to express my sincere thanks for the privilege of serving in this high office."

The **Grand Treasurer** reported a balance on February 28, 1959, of $7,403.48.

The **Grand Secretary** reported seven Chapters showed a gain, 14 Chapters showed losses with one Chapter holding its own.

Election of Officers:

M. E. Comp. Albertus C. Scott, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Comp. Clifford E. Miller, Grand Secretary.

Clifford E. Miller, Fargo, N.D.; James L. Hewson, Toronto, Canada.

Nova Scotia

90th Annual, Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 9, 1959.

Chapters, 30; Membership, 2,980; Gain, 114.
M. E. Comp. B. R. Taylor, Grand High Priest
M. Ex. Syprell, Grand Secretary

Eleven Past Grand High Priests present, accorded Grand Honours and invited to seats in the East. A brief memorial service conducted by the Grand Chaplain for those Companions who passed the Veil in 1958.

90th Annual Convocation in Historic City of Halifax, a city over 200 years old, which has been a bastion for freedom down through the centuries.

Address of Grand High Priest: "Statesmen of the free world must continue with redoubled energy their efforts to save humanity from the unspeakable horrors of an atomic war and endeavour by mutual trust to bring a measure of peace to this troubled world.

"During the past year we, as Canadian citizens, have been called upon to mourn the passing of those gallant miners who lost their lives in the terrible mining disaster at Springhill last October, and those fine seamen who went down with the trawler Blue Wave whilst fishing on the Grand Banks, January last. Your Grand Chapter made a substantial contribution to the funds organized to help those bereft of breadwinners.

"I wish to make mention of the Companions of Valley Chapter No. 16 who are members of the Royal Canadian Air Force and who as a team demonstrate the 'Work'. During my visit there, this team conferred the

Mark Degree with a precision and dignity that was a joy to watch and could not fail to make a lasting impression upon all privileged to see it.

"At all the Chapters I visited I addressed the Companions on Royal Arch Masonry, their privileges and responsibilities . . . "

Conference of Grand Chapters of Canada:

"I attended the Conference and was elected a member of the Executive. The papers presented were very informative and of great value to Capitular Masonry throughout Canada. Matters of mutual interest were fully explored and the results were well worthwhile."

Recommendations: That this Grand Chapter continue its support of the Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters.

That the Grand Lecturer and Assistant Grand Lecturers visit Chapters when work is being done to assist in the proper presentation of the authorized ritual.

Conclusion: "In conferring Degrees do your work with enthusiasm. Avoid levity and horseplay, as this destroys the value of the lessons intended to be learned and very often causes the candidate embarrassment.

In accepting office let us ever remember that a golden opportunity is afforded you to spread the knowledge of Capitular Masonry, to grasp the great truths that our Ritual teaches, and to endeavour to practice daily the principles of the Holy Royal Arch."

[Excerpts from the report of the Grand Scribe E. appealed to me as having a wise message for and presenting a challenge to members of our Order. Let me quote some of his words]—"I sometimes think that Masonic talks should be designed to give the active Companion some sort of ammunition to shoot at the Companion who has slipped, who has fallen into the rut of not faithfully attending the meetings of his Chapter, and so, not enjoying the fellowship of his Royal Arch Companions. This of course is the function of the Council, headed by the Most Excellent High Priest. The first duty of any High Priest should be, to plan his meetings so that every Companion attending will be glad that he came, and will remember the meeting for many days, and will want to tell his friends and Companions about the wonderful time he had. Then, and then only, will the luke-warm Companion want to put his Chapter first on his list of engagements, and come and enjoy being where he is treated as an important link in a great chain. Every Convocation should be planned around the attending Companions. Regardless of rank in Masonry, regardless of social standing, regardless of station in life, the Companions who attend our meetings are the most important, and, like the members of our family, they must receive first consideration. Our Chapters must be like our homes—Home is where there's love. Make your Chapter like home to the Companions. Home is where the heart can bloom. Where there is some kind lips to cheer it. What is Chapter, with none to meet us, none to welcome, none to greet us? Chapter can be very sweet, if there are friends we love to meet."

Grand Treasurer reported—Bank balance $1,884.31. Total assets $11,084.40. Assets over liabilities $4,072.23.

M. Ex. Comp. Dr. P. S. Cochrane representative of Canada in Ontario.

The report of the Fund of Benevolence shows an active spirit of carrying on the work for which it was originally set up. Among the items was a donation of $300.00 to the Springhill Disaster Relief Fund.

The Grand Archivists reports: "The Canadian Masonic Research Association, a valuable paper by M. Ex. Comp. Conover on Royal Arch Masonry in Upper Canada before 1858 has been published and circulated to all members.

Grand High Priest for 1959-60—M. Ex. Comp. G. S. Walker.

Ohio, 1958

142nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio was held in Cincinnati, on October 22-23, 1958.

Chapters, 212; Membership, 67,309; Net Gain, 174.

M. E. Carl P. Nielsen, Grand High Priest
R. E. Ralph W. Smith, Grand Secretary

The Committee on Visiting Companions presented the Distinguished Guests who were welcomed by the Grand High Priest, accorded Grand Honours, and escorted to seats in the East. Among the Distinguished Guests was M. E. Comp. Maurice A. Searle, Toronto, Canada, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada (Ontario).

Most Excellent Roscoe R. Walcutt, Columbus, Past Grand High Priest and General Grand Secretary, represented the General Grand High Priest, Luther Jordan, Mansfield, Louisianna.

The flag of the United States of America and the Canadian flag were posted and "America" and "God Save the Queen" were sung.

Address of Grand High Priest:—

"We as Royal Arch Masons can do much to bring about "Peace on Earth" by living life to its fullest in accordance with the tenets of our Institution. Among the many deaths of the past year were two in our Grand family—Ortley M. Focht and Burleigh E. Cartmell. 1,472 Companions have finished their course and now rest from their labours. We sympathize with the bereaved. During the year I made many visitations many of them District meetings. 123 Fifty Year Awards were presented.

State of the Craft:

"Our Capitular years has shown a gain of 174 members. This is the smallest gain in years and presents much to be desired. Although we have made a slight gain, reports from many states show losses for the year.

"The Committee for York Rite Cooperation has prepared a York Rite Passport. It certifies to the good standing of the member.

"In a few short years we will be celebrating our one hundred and fiftieth anniversary. Because of this fact your High Priest took particular interest in the centennial and sesquicentennial celebrations at Toronto, Canada, and Norfolk, Virginia. From the general chairman of these events it was learned of the tremendous cost of handling such anniversaries. Therefore, I recommend that an amount of $1,500.00 be set aside yearly so that sufficient funds are on hand and available when needed for the celebration of the sesquicentennial of the Grand Chapter of Ohio."

The **Grand Secretary** reported a net gain in membership of 174. There are four Chapters with over a membership of 1,000. Tau Chapter No. 239, Dayton, in District No. 3, had the largest net gain of 39. York Chapter No. 200, Columbus, in District No. 11, exalted the largest class of 61.

There are many secretaries of subordinate chapters who have served their Companions for long periods, among them being Griffith Evans, who has served as secretary of Kent Chapter for 45 years.

Report of Joint Committee on York Rite Cooperation

The Committee has devised a York Rite diploma, which will show that as of the date of the issuance the holder is a York Rite Mason, a member in good standing of a legitimate Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery.

The Committee favours the following: When a member reaches the age of 65 and has been a member in good standing for the ten years preceding, he may, upon written application, be permitted to pay in lieu

of all dues the sum of one dollar per year. It might be that in the Commandery, because of the difference in Grand dues, the amount will have to be higher.

Report on the Ohio Masonic Home

The cost of operating the Home still remains high and promises to go still higher. It cost $932,429.69 to operate the Home during the past year. With a daily population of 522, this makes a mean per capita cost of $4.89. The budget for the 1958-59 fiscal year is $1,049,500.00. The cost of medical care would greatly increase this amount if many of the Doctors accepted a fee, instead they give their services without cost to the Home. We are grateful to these physicians for their great kindness.

We wish to express our thanks to the many Masonic organizations who make special gifts during the year and at Christmas time.

The Grand Treasurer reported total income $1,334,647.82. Net income to General Fund $370,519.45.

Election of Officers:

M. E. Oliver H. Ormistan—Grand High Priest.

R. E. Ralph W. Smith—Grand Secretary.

Ohio, 1959

143rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio was held at Columbus, on October 8 and 9, 1959.

Chapters, 214; Membership, 67,571; Net Gain, 202.

M. E. Comp Oliver H. Ormiston, Grand High Priest
R. E. Comp. Ralph W. Smith, Grand Secretary

There were 16 Past Grand High Priests present, and among the Distinguished Guests was M. E. Comp. Bruce Smith, Grand First Principal, Grand Lodge of Canada (Ontario).

Address of Grand High Priest:

"During the year 1,373 devoted Companions of the Grand Jurisdiction of Ohio have completed their earthly mission and been called to the Grand Lodge Above.

"I have made many visitations this past year. I would like to express my appreciation to my Home Chapter, Rufus Putnam No. 108 R.A.M. for the wonderful reception given me.

State of the Rite: "At the begining of the year we instituted a system for 'progress reports' from each Chapter to be mailed to their District Deputy Grand High Priests. These reports proved that too many Chapters are not conferring any degrees until too late in the year. I feel that the Chapters would be more successful if they started their degree work in September. The 'progress reports' also disclosed the fact that very little is being done towards the reinstatement of suspended members until too late in the year. This also should be a year-round project.

"If we are to be worthy of our great heritage, we must earn it anew. This can only be accomplished by WORK. A Companion who shirks his share of duties is really depriving himself of the joy that goes with bearing one's full proportionate share of a common task and responsibility. Work is a challenge to progress. Let us accept it and do our share."

The Grand Secretary reported a net gain of 202 as compared with 174 in the previous year. The Chapters with a membership of more than 1,000 are: Port Lawrence No. 174, Toledo—1,194; Washington No. 25, Akron—1,132; York No. 200, Columbus—1,086; Youngstown No. 93, Youngstown—1,012.

That per capita of 25 cents on the basis of membership at May 31,

1959, amounts to $16,877.75 as the contribution to the Ohio Masonic Home.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported a number of interesting resolutions which we are sorry we have not time to go into.

Election of Officers:

Homer Trantham—Grand High Priest.

Ralph W. Smith—Grand Secretary.

[We regret that we have been unable to do justice to the extensive Proceedings of Ohio which reached us as we were going to press.]

Oklahoma

70th Annual, April 7-8, 1959.

Chapters, 40; Membership, 7,704; Loss, 73.

M. Ex. Comp. Shade D. Neely, Grand High Priest

R. Ex. Comp. James A. Lathim, Grand Secretary

Two pages of distinguished visitors among whom we note M. Ex. Comp. Wm. Elliott, Winnipeg, Canada, and J. Luther Jordan, General Grand High Priest. The Roll of Grand Representatives was called of whom several made brief reports for their respective jurisdictions. Fifteen Past Grand High Priests present.

Address—Grand High Priest:

Necrology—"A memorial to our departed Companions who have wrought in the quarries without fee or reward and who have presented good work, true work and square work, with a proper mark upon it was given yesterday by our Grand Chaplain . . . 162 Companions of our Grand Jurisdiction were called to their reward . . . We reverently join our sister jurisdictions in the loss of their departed Companions. May they rest in peace."

Area Meetings. Six were held during May and June of which the Grand High Priest reports, "It is my opinion some good was accomplished. We stressed the need of setting up a **continuous programme** as to state, area and district. We must work harmoniously, we must work co-operatively, but above all we must work."

Bulletins: "I have issued 17 bulletins throughout the year.—With these bulletins I have tried to bring to your attention some subjects that are pertinent beyond degree. Suspension for non-payment of dues, a Masonic disgrace. May I ask, are we not at times trying to commercialize Freemasonry to too great a degree? . . . After the pressured Brother comes into our fold, are we not forgetting him? Let us remember we are a fraternal institution where sociability and fellowship counts very much . . . No one takes time to discuss with him the fundamental symbols and allegories of Freemasonry, the teaching and ethics of our fraternity. Well, he looses interest, he stops coming and he is on the way to—'Suspended N.P.D.' Everywhere I have gone this year I have heard the same sad story." [I have quoted the above so that many may read, ponder and say "Does this apply to us?"]

Visitations. Oklahoma visitations make a very extensive list of activities by the Grand High Priest on behalf of welfare of Capitular Masonry in that state.

Special Committees: The names of these committees (listed below) show an attempt to advance every phase of Chapter Masonry: Patriotism, Religious Observance, Membership, Suspensions, Reinstatements and Affiliations, Entertainment, Public Relations, Periodicals, Liaison with Masonic Bodies, Special Degree Teams, Field Day, Scholarships, Dormant and Inactive Chapters, Guest Speakers, Capitular Potential. [I have listed these that other Jurisdictions may consider whether some of these named committees might be well formed in other Grand Chapters.]

The South Western Conference of Grand Chapters, meeting at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, on September 14, 1958, was attended by Grand High Priest of Oklahoma, who reports it as a very interesting, stimulating and instructive meeting.

Statistical Study: An extensive thumb-nail sketch of the development of all branches of Masonry in the State of Oklahoma begins in these words: "Companions, the Grand Chapter was chartered in 1889 as the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory by the General Grand Chapter almost under duress. Study the proceedings and you will see this. I have read and studied every one of the proceedings since Charter and find the following: [Then we read a number of interesting items, to wit:] "Three of the leaders of those days were missionaries to the Indian tribes, devoted men to the Church, the Indian and Freemasonry. After Statehood the names only of Grand Chapter, Council and Commandery were changed."

Full Time Employee: In an unusual plea (which the present Grand High Priest introduced some years ago) for a full time employee to promote the welfare of Grand Chapter, he again presents some potent arguments in its favour, among them these startling statistics: number of Chapters existing today—40; number of Charters which have been chartered—101; number of defunct Chapters—61. "We have 50% more Chapters die than are living in Oklahoma today."

Speaking of **Membership** he notes: "Our peak was in 1927 with 14,333. From 1928 until 1942 there was a constant loss and some years quite rapidly to a low of 5,047. Then it was nip and tuck and we have slowly gained until a 1954 peak of 8,001. Today, just 5 years later, we have 7,704 members. Our Scottish Rite Brethren have 30,000 members. Surely something is wrong." "Since 1933 we have suspended for N.P.D. 22,306 members, an average of 318 per year. Reinstated 6,104, an average of 77 per year. Exalted 28,678, an average of 409 per year. During past year 1958-59 we have exalted 269, reinstated 53, suspended (N.P.D.) 234, demits 36, deaths 162. Final result a net loss to this Grand Chapter of 73."

M. Ex. Comp. Neely, Grand High Priest, continues his report with some very shrewd and pertinent analyses of the situation which we cannot here quote further. However, we commend this report to all Chapter masons faced with similar situations in their Chapters as offering consideration worthwhile to be carefully read and pondered.

[The Grand High Priest, under a great variety of headings, deals with various aspects of Capitular Masonry and, although this Reviewer cannot agree entirely with all his conclusions and suggestions, I admire his sincerity, his tremendous interest and his deep study of all aspects of what he considers to be factors calculated to advance Chapter Masonry not only in Oklahoma but as well throughout the world. As such I heartily commend his address as reported in the 1959 proceedings.]

The financial report shows savings and bonds of $34,662.38.

Membership as reported by Grand Secretary noted at head of this review.

Oregon

98th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon was held on April 15th and 16th, 1959, at Roseburg.

Chapters, 49; Membership, 8,473; Net Loss, 138.

D. Lynn Woodson, M. E. Grand High Priest
Richard H. Tusant, R. E. Grand Secretary

There were present 13 Grand Chapter Officers, 10 Past Grand High Priests, 23 Committee members, 11 District Deputy Grand High Priests, 46 Grand Representatives and delegates from 41 Chapters.

Address of Grand High Priest:

"It is truly heartening to see so many Companions present to represent the Constituent Royal Arch Chapters in Oregon.

"May we pause from our labours for a moment to pay our respects to those who have been summoned into the presence of our Supreme Ruler. During this past year, He has called 191 of our Companions. Let us not mourn, but rejoice, for they who believe in the Great Architect of the Universe, will be received and admitted into that Celestial Home above.

"All the Chapters in Oregon were visited either individually or by District meetings.

"At the beginning of my year as your Grand High Priest, I asked the Grand Officers and the District Deputies to arrange as many District meetings as possible in the State. You have done a very commendable job.

"I want to thank our Past M. E. Grand High Priest, Robert E. Dodge, Chairman and his committee for their fine work in arranging our Centennial Year. Let us all strive to make this Centennial year the success we wish it to be.

Condition of the Rite

"For several years we have had a loss in membership. During the past year we have lost 138 members. I want to recommend to you that ritualistic proficiency is the finest way to build up our membership and create interest in Capitular Masonry.

"The first part of 1959 was a very busy one and I believe great strides have been made towards the goal we have set up of 1,000 new members to celebrate the Centennial Year."

The **Grand Orator** gave a splendid address. [We should like to quote at length but will only be able to quote briefly.] "A study of American history discloses an intimate connection between Freemasonry and the founding and development of America. The "Declaration of Independence" was the first official document of the new United States, and it bears the unmistakeable imprint of Masonic statesmanship, for it reads as if it were taken out of a Masonic ritual, and it was signed by many, many Master Masons. They also wrote the "Constitution" putting into the basic law of the land the Declaration of Independence. Yes, masonic principles were woven into its very foundation. We thus see that they took an active part in political questions and were among the foremost of the statesmen and patriots who achieved American independence.

"In the ancient charges we find that there are two things one must avoid within the lodge room; one is politics, and the other is religion, and we endeavour to do that. But when one says to any mason that he must, as a mason avoid politics, I think we should carefully consider what is meant by "Politics". At the time when those ancient charges were formulated, what was particularly meant was that partisan politics must be avoided in the lodge room. This does not however prohibit a discussion of the science of government, nor the expression in the lodge of opinions antagonistic to those forms of government or political systems, which are hostile to masonry, or its principles, for it behooves all of us to be eternally vigilant against all enemies of masonry, and all enemies of our government of Constitutional limitations. Freemasonry is not a political organization, or association, but it is the manifest intent, and purpose of Freemasonry, and especially of American Freemasonry, that all masons shall be vigilant, and patriotic citizens."

Report of Capitular Reviewer

The Grand Reviewer hits the nail on the head when he suggests "Our real salvation lies in attracting more of the good men who are

annually being made Masons. And then strive to make our meetings so interesting that the members will want to attend."

The Grand Secretary reported: 42 Chapters conferred degrees; 7 Chapters did not confer any degrees; 12 Chapters showed a net gain; 34 Chapters showed a net loss; 3 Chapters showed neither gain nor loss.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance of $1,349.28 as of December 31st, 1958, with total assets of $72,579.18.

Election of Officers:

M. E. Comp. Samuel A. Warg—Grand High Priest

R. E. Comp Richard H. Tusant—Grand Secretary.

Pennsylvania

Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapters of Pennsylvania for the 163rd year, December 27, 1958.

Chapters, 142; Membership, 40,868; Net Loss, 369.

Four Quarterly Communications were held of which our Review will deal principally with that held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, December 4, 1958.

M. Ex. Comp. Walter D. Ferree, Grand High Priest

M. Ex. Comp. John C. F. Kitselman, Grand Secretary

Grand High Priest's Address:

After extending a welcome to Distinguished Guests and Companions, the Grand High Priest gave a lengthy detailed list of (358) visits within the Jurisdiction and to Sister Jurisdictions.

Membership: "From information available as of this date, it appears there will again be a LOSS in our membership. While accessions to our membership generally follow the trend of our economy, let us have no abatement in our enthusiasm for spreading the light of Royal Arch Masonry."

Election: After learning the report of the Tellers appointed to conduct the election for Grand Officers, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest declared: Companion John R. Asher, Most Excellent Grand High Priest; Companion John C. F. Kitselman, M. Ex. Grand Secretary and other Officers as reported by the Tellers.

Financial: The Committee on Finances reported receipts of $69,601.29, General Account receipts of $105,855.20 with a Balance on hand of $83,513.25, November 20, 1959.

Committee on Membership reported: Total petitions first 10 months 1958—1,230; total petitions corresponding period 1957—1,308; total DECREASE, 78; percentage decrease 5.9%.

Companion John R. Asher Most Excellent Grand High Priest ,being installed addressed the Convocation. In an eloquent per-oration he voiced a plea for emulation within the ranks to promote happiness and to do good to all men by practicing out of the Chapter those principles of religion and morality we are taught within it. "Chapter membership means much more than the mere affiliation with a local Chapter. It has for its purpose the fostering of the spirit of Brotherly Love, thereby exemplifying the Love of God and of Country. It believes in truth, in honour, in temperance and in companionship. Men in all walks of life have taken the same obligations at our altars and greet one another as Brothers. Can we question the fraternal spirit of such a Brotherhood?

Fraternal Relations. "Our relations with all corresponding Bodies continue to be of the most satisfactory and fraternal character and within our sacred tabernacles there is no dissention."

Report of the Committee on Correspondence: [This reviewer likes the way in which the proceedings from the various Jurisdictions are divided among FIVE Companions, (members of the committee) who make the report on each. This method makes it possible for the various

Proceedings to be given a more thoughtful consideration than is possible where one individual has to cover all from Alabama to Wyoming.]

Republic of the Philippines

The 7th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of the Republic of the Philippines was held on May 1, 1959, in Manila.

Chapters, 22; Membership, 1,281; Net Gain, 136.

M. E. Comp. Lloyd O. Haig, Grand High Priest
M. E. Comp. Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Secretary

The Most Wor. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, Brother and Companion Marcario Ofilada, was received with Grand Honours and addressed by the M. E. Grand High Priest. The M. W. Grand Master graciously responded. Many messages were received and read from the M. E. General Grand High Priest, Comp. J. Luther Jordan, and other present and past officers of General Grand Chapter. These all contained warm greetings and commendations on the spirit, interest and activity of the Grand Chapter of the Republic of the Philippines and in addition expressed best wishes for a pleasant and profitable meeting. These messages were received with thanks and ordered to be published in the proceedings.

The Delegates and Grand Representatives were introduced and welcomed.

Address of the Grand High Priest:

"It is gratifying to meet all of you here, Companions, Visitors and Delegates representing your respective Chapters all over our Grand Jurisdiction which includes not only the territorial limits of the Philippines but also those of Guam and Okinawa.

"I suggest that a day be set apart which will be known as Royal Arch Sunday. This should be an annual observance.

"It is fitting to advise our members that by applying Freemasonry to our daily life we should endeavour to create better relations in our social affairs. I am a strong believer in practical Masonry applied to human relations. There will be no improvement in Masonry if we neglect our concern for social life. Not only in our homes but in our communities and social circles, let us convey the Masonic message of our vital principles and ethics, for every one to understand our aims and purposes.

"Our motto should be 'Every Master Mason, a Royal Arch Mason'. If every Master Mason be properly approached and duly informed that the Third Degree includes the Royal Arch Degree; that in the Articles of Union of the United Grand Lodge of England (Mother Grand Lodge of the World) is expressly provided that the Royal Arch Degree is a part of the Third Degree; that without the Royal Arch a Mason cannot be considered being in possession of all the secrets of the Sublime Degree of Master Mason thereby lacking in one of its essentials. From the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer you will gather the actual condition of our Grand Chapter. It could not be better. Our membership is in constant progress and our finances are sound.

"Our Grand Jurisdiction is the outpost of Western civilization and Freemasonry in the Far East. It is to our complete satisfaction that we are recognized as living up to the standards that the Grand Chapters and Grand Bodies of Freemasonry over the world do expect from us. Let us continue this fight as the enemies of our ideologies are not idle. The ramparts must always be duly prepared and alert.

" 'The Ladder', our Official Organ, has proved to be one of the best means in our jurisdiction to build a precious informative source for the education of our members. I am happy to report that 'The Ladder' is

well received in all sections of the wide field of Masonic literature all over the Masonic world."

In the Grand Secretary's report he said, "we are in fraternal relations with 71 Grand Chapters, the same as in our last Capitular year.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance in bank of $10,362.79.

Election of Officers:

M. E. Grand High Priest—Nicanor E. Santos.

R. E. Grand Secretary—Antoio Gonzalez.

Our Representative, R. E. Primo Guzman; their Representative, R. E. C. W. Emmett.

Quebec

82nd Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter was held in the city of Montreal, on March 25, 1959.

Chapters, 25; Membership, 3,321; Net Increase, 6.

Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. J. H. A. Morecraft
Grand Scribe E., M. E. Comp. H. Pickering

Among the Grand Representatives present was M. E. Comp. A. J. Osgood of Canada. During the year, M. E. Comp. Maurice A. Searle was appointed Grand Representative from Canada.

Address of Grand First Principal:

"It gives me great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to those of you who have travelled great distances to attend this Convocation, especially to our distinguished guests from our sister jurisdictions in the United States of America.

"Every year we are saddened by the loss of many of our faithful Companions who have laid aside their working tools; their earthly temples are complete. I have had a busy year of visitations both in my jurisdiction and other jurisdictions. On April 25th I travelled to Toronto to attend the 100th anniversary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada. I received a most cordial welcome from M. E. Comp. Maurice Searle. I shall always remember the four days of hospitality accorded me by this Grand Chapter. On June 25th I flew to St. John to attend the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.

"On September 27th I attended the International Night at Messina, N.Y. We toured the seaway and watched vessels go through the Eisenhower Lock. In the evening we were privileged to hear an outstanding address by Most Ex. Comp. F. C. Breithaupt G. H. P. of the State of New York.

"December 8th I attended the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. During the morning and afternoon I watched spellbound as the Grand Chapter Degree team worked their four Degrees. It was an experience I shall always remember.

"The report of the Grand Scribe E. will show a small increase in membership. That every Chapter should do something to stop the high total of withdrawals and suspensions, I urge every council to make this a must on their agenda. The whole Craft has been shocked by the passing of R. E. Comp. R. Louthood, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

"I thank you for the wonderful year I have had as your Grand First Principal."

Interesting reports from the District Grand Superintendents showed a great deal of worthwhile activity throughout the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

Report of Committee on State of the Order:

The Ritual work is commendably performed and the officers zealous in carrying out the duties of their respective stations. The economic standing of the Chapters is satisfactory, but continued attention to the

matter of the timely payment of dues is necessary if this standing is to be maintained.

The Grand Treasurer's report showed cash in the general fund to be $7,248.33 and total assets of $51,979.41.

Officers elected:

Grand First Principal—M. E. Comp. J. H. A. Morecraft.

Grand Scribe E.—M. E. Comp. H. Pickering.

Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

162nd Annual Convocation, Free Masonry Hall, Providence, March 7, 1959.

Chapters, 15; Membership, 4,908; Net Gain, 8.

M. Ex. Charles O. Davies, Grand High Priest

R. Ex. Harry A. Reed, Grand Secretary

The Grand Chapter opened in Ample Form by M. Ex. Grand High Priest with prayer at the altar by the Grand Chaplain, followed by the presentation of the United States flag and the singing of "America". Guests from the sister jurisdictions and the co-ordinate Masonic Bodies in Rhode Island were introduced and appropriately honoured.

Visitations: "I have visited all of the Chapters in the state at least once and some of them several times." There follows 7 pages dealing with nearly 100 meetings of various kinds. Among the regrets that the Grand High Priest was unable to accept we note: April, an invitation by M. Ex. Comp. Maurice Searle to attend 100th anniversary of Grand Chapter in Canada in the Province of Ontario. However, a worthy representative in the person of P. Most Ex. Grand High Priest George E. Cheek attended at Toronto April 27-28.

Recommendations: "I should like to have as a Grand Chapter objective (until a more worthy cause is found) the support of Masonic Youth Recreation Centre Committee of Management who need additional funds for future expansion."

Report of Grand Secretary shows a net gain of 8. Seven Chapters report a net gain in membership from 1 to 37. Eight Chapters show losses of from 1 to 30.

Receipts, $7,048.94. Balance on hand, $2,054.02. Total valuation of assets, $20,272.49. For a Grand Chapter of 15 subordinate chapters this financial statement compares favourably with that of many Grand Chapters with a large number of subordinate chapters.

The Grand Lecturer reports: The Degree work, as exemplified by the various chapters, ranges from very good to very poor with the majority of the chapters doing passable work. It is interesting to note that chapters doing reasonably good work usually have the side lines well filled and at the end of the year show a gain membership."

At the election Harold B. Woodard was elected M. Ex. Grand High Priest for 1959-60.

Rhode Island's representative near Canada: Edward H. Brennan.

Canada represented near Rhode Island by Chester A. Southworth.

Saskatchewan

36th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan was held at Moose Jaw, on May 27, 1959.

Chapters, 28; Membership, 3,059; Net Gain, 134.

M. E. Comp. James P. Whyte, Grand Z.

M. E. Comp. Alfred A. Wilson, Grand Scribe E.

Three Distinguished Visitors were received and given Grand Honours. Twelve Past Grand First Principals were also received and given appropriate honours.

Deputy Mayor of Moose Jaw, Comp. J. Bothwell, in a few well-chosen words welcomed the delegates to Moose Jaw and hoped their stay would be a pleasant and a profitable one.

Address of Grand First Principal:

"We are living in a strife-torn world, beset with International quarrels and conflicts. The greatest opportunity of all time is presented to free nations of the world to stand united in the enforcement of peace. Our Masonic fraternity throughout the countries can and will be an underlying, leavening influence towards the continuance of freedom.

"During the year I was privileged to visit the Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba and Alberta on the occasion of their Annual Convocations. The general problems confronting the Prairie Grand Jurisdictions are similar in nature. They can be summed up briefly, as: lack of attendance, non-working membership committees, absence of well-organized degree teams, and a need for more special occasions in the Constituent Chapter.

"M. E. Comp. A. C. Woods and M. E. Comp. A. A. Wilson represented our Grand Chapter at the Grand Convocation of North Dakota.

"I am happy to report that I was privileged to visit all the District meetings. In my address to the various Chapters visited I chose a subject of a research Character, analyzing the three basic degrees of Masonry as well as the three degrees of Capitular Masonry. Each degree holds some special analogy to our present day trend of life."

"Two new Chapters were instituted—one at Lloydminster early in the autumn and the other Etomami Chapter at Hudson Bay on October 11, 1958.

The General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal has been awarded to V. E. Comp. Wm. Kelly for his devotion to Royal Arch Masonry over a long period of years.

"Four Grand Representatives near Sister Jurisdictions were appointed: Ireland—M. E. Comp. Robert Brown, Dublin; Washington—M. E. Comp. Herbert J. Williams, Seattle; North Caroline—M. E. Comp. Alva L. Williams, New Bern, N.C.; Michigan—M. E. Comp. Harry L. Jackson, Ferndale 20, Michigan.

"Free Masonry is neither a religion nor a substitute for religion, even though no man may be admitted into the portals of our fellowship unless he declares his belief in the existence of a Supreme Being. In the true sense of the word, it is not a secret society. Our only secrets are our ceremonies of initiations and signs of recognition. Surely those who subscribe to the principles of this Fraternity shall be better prepared, within themselves, for the Life Hereafter. The influence of their fraternal brotherhood on earth, will be reflected in their observance of the finest and highest elements of good citizenship."

Report of Grand Secretary

"Five and possibly six of our Chapters have qualified for the certificate issued by the General Grand Chapter to any and all Chapters making a ten percent gain during the year."

Report of Grand Treasurer showed a bank balance on March 31, 1959, of $3,522.51 and bonds to the value of $9,500.00.

Report on Condition of Capitular Masonry:

Royal Arch Masonry appears to have made satisfactory progress during the past year. Deaths accounted for the loss of 61 members. We lost 70 by resignations and suspensions.

Outstanding dues is something we should be concerned with. Two Chapters show outstanding dues at over $300.00. Four Chapters with O.S. dues at over $200.00 and five Chapters show outstanding dues at over $100.00. We would suggest to the Scribe E's that a more energetic campaign be adopted for the collection of dues."

Election of Officers:
R. E. Comp. H. K. Halldorson—Grand Z.
M. E. Comp. Alfred A. Wilson—Grand Scribe E.

M. E. Comp Halldorson thanked the Grand Chapter members for having elected him in these words, "I doubt whether I can find any words more appropriate than those attributed to King Solomon at the time the Lord appeared to him in a dream. When the Lord asked Solomon what he, Solomon, would have as a gift from the Lord, Solomon's request was for 'an understanding heart' that he might 'discern between good and evil' that he might know how to 'walk before his people'. I too pray for an understanding heart."

It was recommended that the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan continue its membership in the General Grand Chapter and that fifty dollars be budgeted for annually to assist with the expense of a delegate attending the Triennial Convocations.

Scotland

Annual Convocation of The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, held in Royal Arch Freemason's Hall, Edinburgh, Friday, March 20, 1959.

M. E. Comp. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Galloway, Grand Z.
M. E. W. A. Laird, Grand Scribe E.

Supreme Grand Chapter was opened in full form by M. E. Comp. Major R. H. F. Moncreiff, Past Grand Z.

Honorary Grand Rank was conferred upon several Companions for exceptional service to the Order. At the same time "Service" diplomas were approved for several Companions who had forty years' membership in their Chapter.

Installation. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Galloway was re-elected and re-installed as M. E. First Grand Principal. Lord Galloway then nominated his Deputy, M. E. Comp. Thomas Sinclair, who was then obligated, installed, proclaimed and saluted as Deputy First Grand Principal. The other elected Grand Officers were then installed in their respective offices by M. E. Comp. Major Moncreiff.

The Supreme Grand Chapter office-bearers accompanied the M. E. First Grand Principal to the **Banqueting Hall** for the celebration of the Festival of the Vermae Equinox. The proceedings report in full the various toasts proposed and the responses made throughout the banquet. It would be a great pleasure to be able to quote extensively from the various speakers and I am certain that those who read this review would greatly appreciate the witticisms and serious remarks which so frequently caused the listeners to break into (laughter) and (loud applause). I shall, however, be able to quote only a minor portion of the reported proceedings which, in my humble judgment, are significant.

In reply to the toast to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Galloway, L.L., J.P., said: "Now, Companions, the year which has just passed has, I think, been my most strenuous year since you were kind enough to elect me as your First Grand Principal. Grand Scribe E. and I have been twice to the north of Scotland carrying out visitations and installations, we have travelled to Canada to attend the centenary celebrations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Canada in Ontario, after which we went on to Bermuda to visit our Chapters there, and on our way home we paid a little courtesy visit to some American Companions in New York. These visits, when they can be arranged, convert that remote and impersonal body to which I have referred into real and living human beings. And those friendly and happy contacts forge fresh and stronger links between Supreme Grand Chapter and our Districts and Chapters in those distant lands to our mutual advantage;

to the advantage of those who have been so loyal to us throughout the years.

Well, Companions, we enter tonight on another year in Royal Arch Masonry. No one can say what the coming year will bring. As our Lord Provost has pointed out, the world situation is grave and we know that hatred and fear are abroad in the world, but we also know something else. We know that there exists in many lands men endowed with the true spirit of Freemasonry, the spirit of friendship and brotherly love. Let us pray to the Great Architect of the Universe that this true Masonic spirit may gain the ascendancy in the world and dispel the hatred and fear evident today and that the coming year may bring to the world an easing of the tension and a sense of security which we have not known for forty-five years and bring to you and your families happiness and peace of mind this year and always. (Loud applause).

Then followed a tribute to the Grand Scribe E. who accompanied him in his journeyings in the West and in the Middle East and whose knowledge of Masonry was of immense service to the overseas Companions.

"The Daughter Chapters, which number 256 in Scotland alone and so many abroad that I could not reckon the number of them, include many in Australia and in other parts of the Empire and many in other countries outwith the Commonwealth. Last year, according to the statistic our First Grand Principal has given, they exalted 3,284 Royal Arch Masons."

"Of the Provincial and District Grand Chapters, which number about fifty, twenty are in Scotland and we, who are Officers of these provinces, do our very best to keep up the standard of proficiency and the dignity of Royal Arch Masonry throughout our various provinces and districts."

Toast to our Guests was proposed by the Grand Chancellor: "It is good for us that you (Companions from Overseas) are here so that we may learn at first hand something of your way of life and the difficulties which beset our Companions who are so far removed from the seat of Scottish administration. Our Companions in Nyasaland and in Northern Rhodesia face tremendous difficulties. The future of that colony is in very grave doubt.

Companion Dr. H. M. S. Boardman, Chapter Highland No. 366, Freetown, Sierra Leone, replied to this toast: "On behalf of the Guests and myself I can assure you that we have witnessed the most inspiring ceremony I have had the privilege of witnessing since I was exalted into this noble Order. On returning to West Africa I will take back with me this (Grand Scribe E.) view of the world-wide brotherhood, and I can assure you I will pass it on whenever I can do so."

Most Ex. Comp. Geo. Holt, District Scribe E. of the District Grand Chapter of Singapore also replied: "In Malaya at the moment things are very unsettled, particularly in Singapore. In May we are faced with self-government and we are afraid we are going to have a Communist Government. To think there is a solid body in Scotland which will support us in all our troubles is very comforting indeed."

Most Ex. Comp. W. E. Fisher, Unganda, also replied and said: "You will probably wonder sometimes how we operate overseas. We only manage because our Grand Scribe E. keeps us going . . . There is no difficulty which he does not go out of his way to help with."

The evening concluded by the assembled company singing "Auld Lang Syne", "The Lord's My Shepherd", and the National Anthem.

At a Quarterly Meeting, June 5, 1959, it was reported that a deputation of Supreme Grand Chapter Office-bearers had attended a meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Galloway at Newton Stewart on 22nd

May, when M. E. Companion The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Galloway, First Grand Principal and Grand Superintendent of that Province, had installed M. E. Companion Ex.-Provost G. W. McDowell, M.B.E., of Stranraer, as his successor.

Also at this meeting a number of interesting reports of Grand Superintendents were received: Dumfrieshire, Lanarkshire, Mid and East Lothian, Perthshire, Central South Africa, Western Australia, as well as Tindad and Tobago.

South Carolina

148th Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina was held at Anderson, March 10, 1959.

Chapters, 35; Membership, 5,500; Net Gain, 35.

Marion A. Park, Grand High Priest
Henry F. Collins—Grand Secretary

19 Grand Officers, 8 Past Grand High Priests and 32 Grand Representatives were in attendance and 29 subordinate chapter representatives were present. All were welcomed and given appropriate honours.

Address of Grand High Priest:

"We are pleased to have such a good attendance. Anderson is one of our friendliest cities and we are happy to be here.

"Within our state we visited 70% of our subordinate chapters. We found a few withering on the vine; by their inactivity they verily shouted for rejuvination. We were able to assist a couple, but two chapters were not in the mood for assistance. The great majority of our chapters were found to be active and growing under the leadership of young intelligent High Priests who opened their respective meetings in near-perfect full form. We are led to wonder if it is wise for us to approve the continued existence of chapters who have less than 100 members.

"During the past twelve months we travelled in excess of 7,500 miles making visitations.

"We note that the Scythe of Father Time converted 78 Companions from the life of mortality to the spirit of immortality, one of whom was Past Grand High Priest Comp. J. C. Pate.

"It is suggested that the subordinate chapters require fidelity bonds on their secretaries and treasurers in an amount equal to the largest amount they may have on hand at any time. The chapters should pay the premium on such bonds. The Royal Arch Magazine costs only fifty cents per year and it is very worthwhile.

"We found some chapters who charge only $2.00 per year dues. This is definitely not enough. Masonry does not operate on a money basis, but it should cost each man sufficiently to be appreciated. We must strive for perfection and charge proportionately.

"We have spoken long, often and loud urging that we put young men in the elective line. We need the vigor and eagerness and drive that youth can give us. Our Fraternity is one that teaches great lessons, that reaches toward God, that helps our fellowman, that is a wonderful training field for leaders.

"We have a very modest gain of 35 in membership. Less than 10% of our Master Masons are also chapter members. A plan to give a life membership to the Companion, other than the Secretary, who brings in applications from 10 acceptable candidates during the year has been suggested.

"It is recommended that the present code and by-laws be brought up to date. The last revision was 35 years ago.

"We surrender the gavel of office with thanks to God for the many warm friendships developed during the year and with a firm pledge to work continuously for the progress of chapter companionship."

Report of Committee on **Fraternal Relations:**

Today the Capitular world is enjoying a time of great harmony and cordial relationships.

"We recommend that fraternal recognition be extended to the Grand Chapter of Germany and to the Grand Chapter of Helvetia, Switzerland, and that representatives be exchanged."

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance in the bank, February 28, 1959, of $10,582.57 and total investments of $40,462.28, making a total of $51,044.85.

Election of Officers:

S. A. Bannister—Grand High Priest.

Henry F. Collins—Grand Secretary.

South Dakota

The 69th Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held on October 28, 1958, at Redfield.

Chapters 32. Membership 4,216. Net loss 49.

Carl E. Voigt, Grand High Priest.

Elvin F. Strain, Grand Secretary.

Redfield Chapter No. 20 opened in a splendid form.

The United States and Canadian flags were presented by an escort from Huston Commandery No. 22. The pledge of allegiance was given to our flag and then a tribute to the Canadian flag was given by Companion E. T. Waller, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba and present Grand Representative for the Grand Chapter of South Dakota near that of Manitoba.

There were many distinguished guests present. They were received and welcomed. Eleven Past Grand High Priests were welcomed.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"Our Grand Chapter ranks 19th among the Grand Chapters of the United States on percentage of Master Masons who have become Royal Arch Masons. This shows that the membership potential for more Royal Arch Masons has only been touched. During the past year the Dark Angel of Death has taken a toll, calling 93 of our Companions, including Past Grand High Priest Martin G. Carlisle. Their passing has deeply impressed all of us and we mourn.

I made many visitations during the year within our own jurisdiction and to several Convocations in other Grand Jurisdictions.

It has been brought to my attention that only a small percentage of Royal Arch Masons in South Dakota subscribe to the "Royal Arch Mason Magazine." I recommend that each Chapter in this jurisdiction appoint a committee to contact and encourage its members to subscribe.

This Grand Chapter has 32 subordinate Chapters with 4,216 members. There art 16 Chapters with a membership of less than 100 each. There are six Chapters with less than 50 members. The smallest one has 26 members. Some of these Chapters have not held a meeting for some time. They say it has not been possible to get enough members out to hold a meeting or confer the degrees. Without the Royal Arch, the Master's Degree is like a song half sung, a tale partly told, or a promise unfulfilled. We must all do more for Royal Arch Masonry. To do this we must be willing to accept responsibility in taking the story of the Royal Arch Masonry to more Master Masons."

The **Grand Secretary** reported that there were 77 suspensions during the year. He said in South Dakota there were about 21,000 Masons and only about one-fifth of that number were members of the Royal Arch.

The Grand Treasurer reported a bank balance of $6,848.65 on September 30, 1958. Total current assets as of September 30, 1958, $22,000.95.

Election of Officers—Walter Reckling, Grand High Priest; Elvin F. Strain, Grand Secretary.

Tennessee

130th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee held in Nashville March 23, 1959.

Chapters 87. Membership 16,415. Net gain 97.

James Peek Buck, M.E. Grand High Priest.

Thomas Earl Doss, R.E. Grand Secretary.

Grand High Priest's **address**—

"The statistics show that we have made a very small gain in total membership. We are also faced by the fact that we have the lowest number of exaltations in many years.

"During my visitations I travelled nearly 2,000 miles from one end of the state to the other. We regret that the lack of time and the grim necessity of earning a livelihood made it impossible to accept many invitations to other Grand Chapters.

"Death has taken the heaviest toll during 1958 of any year in our history—229 of our Companions answered the final summons. One of that number was P.G.H.P. Lucien Campbell Connell, who devoted the greater part of his life to helping the widows and orphans of our indigent brethren. Our sympathy goes out to the families of our departed Companions.

To all the Companions of Tennessee, of whatever rank or station you may occupy, my sincere thanks for the support you have given Royal Arch Masonry the past year."

The Grand Treasurer reported balance on hand March 1, 1959, to be $9,094.01 and cash in savings account and total assets of $72,169.44.

In giving his report the **Grand Secretary** said: "We regret that 15 Chapters had no exaltations. We should resolve NOW that in 1959 will be a great year in York Rite Masonry in Tennessee. **Contact committees** should be at work in every Blue Lodge. Every effort should be made to collect dues in advance thus avoiding cause for N.P.D. suspensions."

Election of Officers—Lawrence James Sharp, M.E. Grand High Priest; Thomas Earl Doss, R.E. Grand Secretary.

There were several suggestions made by the "Committee for the Advancement of Royal Arch Masonry."

1. Starting and stopping all meetings on time.
2. Proficient degree teams.
3. Committees to assist in collecting dues.
4. Schools of Instruction.
5. Social activity and special programs such as Past High Priest's night.

Texas

109th Annual Convocation held in the city of Waco on December 1-2, 1958.

Chapters 484 (reported). Membership 48,014. Net gain 349.

Grand High Priest—M.E. R. B. Underwood.

Grand Secretary—R.E. Fred F. DeVaney.

Grand High Priest **Address**—

"It is indeed gratifying to have the honoured privilege of extending to each of you a most cordial welcome. To the families fo our 766 beloved Companions who have departed we extend our deepest sympathy and condolence.

Capitular Masonry in Texas today faces a situation which could become disastrous to the future of the Craft. Many jurisdictions have

reported a net loss in membership for the year, and I am informed that there exists apathy and disinterest on the part of many individual Companions. We must ultilize every means at our command to increase our membership and to maintain the interest of our Companions.

"In 1957 we formulated our program of Growth. We composed a three-fold program: Growth by exaltations; Growth by reinstatements and affiliations of members of demised Chapters; and Growth by preventing an increase in suspensions for non-payment of dues.

"We have reduced our suspensions for non-payment of dues by approximately 10%. Ours is a program to build Royal Arch Masonry in Texas. Growth is our aim so that the beneficient works of the Grand Chapter may be expanded and extended. There are three factors which effect growth: (1) Suspensions; (2) Exaltations; (3) Reinstatements.

"During the past five years 49% of the gain in membership through new members is slipping from us out the back door of suspension. Suspension is Public Enemy No. 1.

"It is from Exaltations that new blood is brought into the body. It is from this source that young men, who must in future years take over the helm of our Grand Chapter, must come. This source of Growth must be exploited to the fullest extent. We should promote a school in every district. The third front of our campaign for Growth is **Reinstatements.** During the past ten years almost 10,000 Royal Arch Masons have been suspended. Many may not know how they can come back into active fellowship. If in each Chapter a Reinstatements Committee is appointed and really functions, it is believed that miraculous results would follow. Now is the time to launch the offensive for Growth.

"In September, 1958, a conference of the Grand High Priest of Kanasas, Oklahoma, Arkanasas, and Texas was held and the Southern Conference was formed. This organization will concern itself with the study of mutual problems, and means of advancing Royal Arch Masonry in the Southwest.

"In June a request from Dallas Chapter No. 47 came asking for a special dispensation to hold a public installation of officers. According to Article 228 of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter no dispensation was necessary.

"During the year I visited our Home for Aged Masons, at Arlington, Texas, and rejoiced to see such a happy group of elderly people enjoying the eventide of life so richly.

"In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation for all the kindness you have shown me during my term of office and to assure the incoming officers of my loyal support."

The Treasurer's report showed a balance in the general funds on November 15th, 1958 of $28,320.89 with total receipts of $98,308.38. Total assets $2,381,342.59. Total income $217,839.49.

Grand Orator's Address:

"The sum and substance of all that we stand for and all that we do revolves around our love of our God and Creator and our love of our fellow man. Masonry is perhaps the greatest organized believer in freedom that the world has ever known. Most of the great personages in the struggle for American independence were Masons. The majority of the signers of our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution were Masons. As our young country grew, she grew hand in hand with Masonry. The early Masons in Texas dedicated their all toward the founding and preservation of a great nation. Never forget when any dictatorship or totalitarian regime comes into power their first step is to outlaw and prohibit Masonry. Masonry has been primarily concerned with the liberty and freedom of people."

Newly elected Grand Officers:
Wallace McKenzie, Worth Worth—M. E. Grand High Priest.
Fred F. DeVaney, Waco—R. E. Grand Secretary.
John O. Carrothers represented Canada near Grand Chapter of Texas.
Allan C. Mason their representative near the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Utah

The Most Excellent Royal Arch Masons of Utah 48th Annual Convocation held at Salt Lake City, May 13, 1959.
Membership, 1,473; Net Loss 1.
Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Jack Richards
Grand Secretary—E. Comp. Bert Atwater
18 Grand High Priests present formed a line west of the Altar where they were accorded Grand Honours and welcomed by the M. E. Grand High Priest Richards.
Distinguished Visitors were welcomed. The Grand Representatives were accorded Grand Honours and requested to correspond with their Grand Jurisdictions and extend warm fraternal greetings from this jurisdiction.
Report of the **Grand High Priest:**
After extending a welcome to all present, the Grand High Priest then reported his visitations to constituent Chapters.

He said: Capitular Masonry in Utah appears to be in excellent condition. It is a source of great satisfaction to me to note the peace, harmony and close co-operation existing between the York Rite Bodies of Utah and also the Grand Lodge and the Scottish Rite. May these bonds of unity and concord long continue."

Fraternal Correspondence: We find many things of interest in reviewing various Proceedings and Bulletins from the York Rite Bodies throughout the World. The Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Iowa gives some vital statistics of ages of persons joining Masonry—ages 21 and 22 having declined from 23% in 1957 to 12% in 1958; and age groups 30 to 39 increased from 31% to 41% in the same period. Just why this change in percentage we do not know, but it does give us food for thought.
Grand Treasurer reported: Total Assets to be $1,735.24.
Election of Officers:
Grand High Priest—M. E. Comp. Alan E. Goodell.
Grand Secretary—R. E. Comp. Bert Atwater.

Vermont

142nd Annual Convocation was held in the City of Burlington on June 9, 1959.
Chapters, 27; Membership, 4,388; Net Loss, 49.
M. E. Grand High Priest, Arthur E. Dietrich
R. E. Grand Secretary, Aaron H. Grout
Nine Grand Chapters were represented in our more than welcome list of distinguished visitors. Among the Grand Representatives present was George E. Cummings of Canada.
In the address of the Grand High Priest mention was made of the 65th Annual meeting of the District Deputies held in Burlington in August. All districts, save one, were represented. This year a degree was exemplified at each District meeting. The degrees showed care in preparation and were well presented. Unfortunately, many Companions did not avail themselves of this opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of their brethren and fine exemplification of Capitular Masonry.

He told of the many interesting visitations he had made throughout the jurisdiction and also in other jurisdictions.

Condition of the Order:

"I reach this portion of my address with a feeling of misgivings and disappointment. In my opinion the condition of the Order is not good. Financially, the situation is not too bad. The Grand Secretary's report will show a loss of 49 in membership and as this is the greatest loss in four consecutive years of losses, our condition is certainly not good. The reason for this year's loss is quite plain. Our exaltations were only 104, the lowest in seven years. There is apparently a lack of activity on the part of our subordinate Chapters.

"At our last Annual Convocation a resolution was presented calling for the abolishment of the Past Master's Degree as a prerequisite for full membership in a Vermont Royal Arch Chapter.

"I recommend that our incoming Grand High Priest appoint a committee of five, chosen from various parts of the State, to consider some action on the Past Master's and the M. E. Master's Degree that promises to improve the condition of our Order, and report to our next Annual Convocation."

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed a balance on hand May, 1959, of $3,500.00 with total assets of $19,916.04.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia, 1958-59

Four Quarterly Convocations are reported: April, July, October and January, 1959, all held at Freemason's Hall, Melbourne.

M. Ex. Comp. W. D. Kennedy, First Grand Principal
R. Ex. Comp. H. O. Thomas, Grand Scribe Ezra

Active Chapters, 106; Membership (December, 1958), 10,732; Net Gain, 62.

The Quarterly Convocations were each well attended by: Grand Officers, Principals, both past and present, of subordinate Chapters; and Grand Representatives, as well as Distinguished Guests.

Excerpts from Addresses of M. Ex. First Grand Principal, April 16, 1958: "It has been amazing to me that so many of my colleagues on the road have been able to do so much and that all have been so generous and faithful in giving of their best." The Grand Z then refers to the appointment of Ex. Comp. Sweeting (P. Pr. G. Soj) to represent him at the Centenary in Canada.

"I believe our institution is very sound, not only in the material sense, but justifying its existence as a spiritual degree. Man cannot live by bread alone; that spark of the Divine which is in every human breast needs constant nurturing. And it seems to me that our special business is to try to nurture it."

July 16—**Second Quarterly:**

M. Ex. Grand First Principal: "Last month another centenary was celebrated, Collingwood R. A. Chapter No. 2 consecrated June 2, 1858 . . . I was much impressed by 'A Centenary Thought' selected by the Scribe Ezra of the Collingwood Chapter and printed on the Installation card. It seemed so apt and relevant that I quote it: 'No institution can coast along in these difficult days living in the past however distinguished. It must make it clear not only to itself but to the world at large what exactly it is after, and it must be able to convince people that what it is after is **relevant to the current needs of the community.** If it cannot do this, it is unlikely to flourish much longer.' There is much food for thought for us in that. What indeed are we after? What are the purposes and aims of our institution?"

(At this **Quarterly Convocation** of July 16, we noted that Ex. Comp. W. H. Sweeting, P. Pr. G. Soj.) was welcomed back after his visit to

Canada referred to above. Ex. Sweeting informed his Companions of several interesting comparisons between the customs of the Royal Arch in the United States and Canada and those of Victoria. He was thanked by the Grand Z for the interesting resume of his experience.)

At the **Third Quarter Convocation** the M. Ex. Grand Z. paid tribute to the worthy companion, "who has been anonymously responsible over all those years for the beautiful writing and engraving of our patents of office, our charters, warrants, and all official parchments of this Grand Chapter. Calligraphy is Jim Brandeth's hobby, and what a beautiful exemplar of the art he is . . . I can only hope that every hour will bring him usurious interest from the bank of happiness and I can truly say that the best things in life come to us without money and without price."

Fourth Quarterly January 21, 1959. From the communication of the First Grand Principal we choose this **significant** excerpt:

"Recently there has been some public criticism of Freemasonry. Many of you have heard me refer to this in Chapters, but I wish to set it down on record as my personal view that criticism, looked at in the proper perspective, is not unhelpful. Much of it, of course, is misinformed and spiteful, which need cause us little concern. But where criticism is such that it causes Freemasons to take stock of themselves, and of their practice of Freemasonry, and to estimate honestly to what degree some of the criticism may be justified, it is likely to do good. All so-called Freemasons are not good exemplars of the Art, and the Institution inevitably has to carry the good or ill report of the conduct of its members. Freemasonry itself has the soundness that has stood the test of ages. It does not claim to be anything more than a system of morality founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue, and intended to help men of all religious beliefs to do their duty better to God, their neighbours and themselves. As such it should be an inspiration to all of us to cleave to that which is good. But inspiration is a valueless thing unless it leads to action. What have you been inspired to do by your Freemasonry? If it has made you a better Churchman, more brotherly to all men, more kindly and more considerate in your relationships, and a better citizen generally than you might otherwise have been, then your Freemasonry has been a valuable aid to you in the business of living."

M. Ex. Comp. Norman Llewellyn Brunt was elected and installed Grand Z for 1959-60 and R. Ex. Comp. H. O. Thomas, P.G.H., as Grand Scribe E.

The latter closes the Proceedings with a summary of statistical information as to membership the salient features of which we placed at the heading of this review. He reports "continued progress in the Order" every Chapter having candidates. He then gave an interesting detailed report of a visit in which he attended the First Grand Principal on a visit to New Zealand for the installation of the First Grand Principal of that Jurisdiction.

Virginia

Proceedings of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia. The 151st Annual Convocation October 28-29, 1958 and The Commemorative Convocation May 5-6-7, 1958.

Chapters, 81; Membership, 18,144; Net Gain, 7.

M. Ex. Silverius Columbus Churn, Grand High Priest

M. Ex. James Noah Hillman, P.G.H.P., Grand Secretary

151st Annual

The distinguished guests were warmly welcomed and appropriate

replies made by Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Virginia and by M. Ex. Jesse Schoem, G. H. P. of New Jersey. To quote from the address of the latter: "Here then lies the crux of our message; that the plumb-line held in the hand of God is perfect. It presents a phenomenon of God's handiwork in its true vertical position making its contacting plummet a truly perfect square with that which is a truly level horizon. It keeps God in our mind and ourselves in His holy sight — let us therefore try not the patience of God, but exert every effort to make ourselves better examples through precept, to our everlasting salvation and the glory of His holy name."

Twenty-one past Grand High Priests were presented.

Report of the Grand High Priest of Virginia:

He first referred to the sesquecentennial celebration held in May 5-6-7 and expressed thanks and appreciation to the Companions and committees who were deserving of the highest commendation for the magnificent job. He added that a complete tape recording of the celebration and a moving picture film had been made.

A statement of appointments, decisions and dispensations followed, as well as a lengthy list of visits within and without the jurisdiction.

Condition of Royal Craft in Virginia

In the case of some Chapters their location and small membership make their problem difficult. "I am convinced that in some instances these smaller chapters should consolidate with larger chapters where greater opportunities for carrying out the program can be more effective. "We continue to abide by rules which were made during the horse and buggy days and thus hamper and retard growth in our fraternities, by adhering strictly to an antiquated rule which says that a petitioner for the degrees must petition a chapter where he has no friends and therefore no interest."

Appreciation: "To our Grand Secretary, M. E. James N. Hillman, I wish to express my personal gratitude for his wise counsel and ready advice when called up." (Reference will be made to this later). To Rt. Ex. Comp. Charles C. Helms, who on the morrow will take over the reins of this Grand Chapter, I extend my best wishes for a pleasant and harmonious year."

Grand Secretary's Report

Because of ill health the M. Ex. Comp. Hillman requested retirement to Grand Secretary Emeritus. Many and glowing tributes were paid to his efficiency and faithfulness during the past 14 years even in the face of illness.

Grand Treasurer reported receipts of $19,473.12.

The Grand Lecturer: "I have conducted three schools during the year, with a total attendance of over 700," P. M. Shirey, Grand Lecturer.

During the **second day** a presentation of chair and scroll was made to Dr. Hillman. A pen and pencil set was given as a memento to Grand High Priest M. Ex. Comp. Churn.

Officers elected and appointed were:

M. Ex. Charles Carlisle Helms—Grand High Priest.

R. Ex. Carl Frank Wood—Grand Secretary.

In his inaugural address Grand High Priest Helms expressed gratitude for the honours bestowed upon him and called upon the Most High God to guide him wisely along the difficult path beset with complexing responsibilities that he must travel in the coming year.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain the convocation was closed in Solemn Form.

Sesquicentennial Convocation May 5-6-7, 1958, Masonic Temple, City of Norfolk. M. Ex. Silverius C. Churn, Grand High Priest presiding.

An address of welcome by Chief of Police, Norfolk, representing the

Mayor referred to Norfolk as "A city of beauty and of wonderful climate. This is the great flyway for the migrating waterfowl, and the Backbay is a hunter's paradise. Norfolk is a community of Church and Christian folk and what a blessing and a comfort to law enforcement men."

During the course of his address the Grand Master of Virginia (M. Wor. Bro. Wallace) brought greetings and best wishes from "several thousand members of symbolic Lodges in our commonwealth." "The only sad thing about BIRTHDAYS is that they're reminders of the passage of time and the mortality of man." Most Ex. Eugene P. Carver, Grand High Priest, Massachusetts: "I believe the best message I can leave is, it behooves us to try to add our little bit to Capitular Masonry so that 150 years from now, it may have advanced as much as it did in the last century and a half."

Most Excellent Comp. Maurice A. Searle, Grand First Principal of Canada, in making a gift of a Union Jack on behalf of Royal Arch Masons of Canada as a further proof of the "firm bonds which exist between our two great nations" said: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. He said let there be light and there was light. The red, sunlight shining over all; the white, symbolizes purity; the blue, universal friendship and benevolence. The Flag, ours and yours which is red, white and blue: red for the love we bear for our Country, white for the life it affords us, blue for the fidelity we hold for our fellowmen.

"May our Flags long stand side by side to show that we walk in freedom and peace, with faith, hope and the charity, trust and freedom for all mankind." In reply M. Ex. Wm. Moseley Brown, speaking for the Grand High Priest, said: "We thank you M. Ex. Sir for your presentation; it means that we stand together for all the objectives that every right-thinking man in this world strives for today. It means that regardless of that imaginary line that divides Canada from the United States of America, we are all one."

Interesting extracts from the first recorded minutes of Norfolk Royal Arch Chapter No. 1 were read by M. E. Comp. Delamater Davis, P.G.H.P.

A brief, but interesting, summary of the History of Cryptic Masonry in Virginia was given by M. Ex. William Moseley Brown. I shall be able to quote only two brief passages. "All of our Masonry came into Virginia through Norfolk . . . you're standing on historic ground." "And because of the great controversy that existed in those early years about the Royal and Select Masters Degrees, Virginia decided to combine them with the Grand Chapter — giving Chapter Masons six degrees instead of four."

A very illuminating address on the Royal Arch Degree (its history) was given by M. Ex. James H. Hillman, Grand Secretary. He refers to "The versatile and accomplished Dr. John Dove, who served 58 years as Grand Secretary of the Royal Arch Masons of Virginia. "There were very few Royal Arch Masons as late as in 1800. Why did the Royal Arch Degree become so popular during the early days of a developing speculative Craft? The reason, then as now, is the religious atmosphere which surrounds its teachings—Reverence for God and for His Holy Name. The drama connected with the Degree is charged with religious fervor and a scriptural background. The Companions who fabricated the degree were religious leaders (most of them clergymen). The teaching of the Royal Arch Degree will live because of its sure foundation."

Another brief summary of the history of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia (by Excellent Archer Bailey Gay) referred to the fact that there were only 3 Grand Secretaries in 100 years. [a record].

The Anniversary Celebration closed as it had begun in a religious vein — with the singing of the hymn "Faith of Our Fathers".

Washington

75th Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington held May 21-22, 1959, at Walla Walla.

Chapters, 57; Membership, 9,645; Net Loss, 9.

M. E. Comp. Duke T. Fife, Grand High Priest
R. E. Comp. Walter H. Steffey, Grand Secretary

There were 17 Past Grand High Priests present and 10 Deputies of the Grand High Priest. They were received and welcomed.

Many Distinguished Guests were escorted to the Grand East and accorded the Grand Honours of Royal Arch Masonry. [Among these we note R.E. Comp. Ed. J. Marshall, Canada.]

Message of Grand High Priest:

"This has been a year filled with successes and disappointments. On an overall picture we have gained, yet we have shown a loss of 9. Our record af affiliations and N.P.D.'s has been outstanding because everyone has worked. We have restored to good standing 64 Companions. We have had 349 exaltations, but we have had 239 deaths. One Chapter lost 20, another 22. Among those called away was M. E. Comp. Fred Bond, the 1938 Grand High Priest.

"It is my opinion that Royal Arch is on the March but has some weak spots that should be corrected.

"During the year, I made many visitations and attended many installations and meetings."

Having fulfilled all the requirements of the Code, I recommend that Overlake Chapter U.D. be granted their Charter.

I recommend that a new District be formed of Overlake Chapter No. 67, provided they are granted their Charter, Ivanhoe Chapter No. 58, and Oriental Chapter No. 19, to be known as District No. 15.

The Grand Treasurer reported a bank balance on April 30, 1959, of $13,624.93 and total assets of $22,076.30.

Election of Officers:
R. E. Comp. Ralph W. Gelbach Grand High Priest.
M. E. Comp. Walter H. Steffey, Grand Secretary.

Historian's Report for 1959:

"This is a very momentous occasion, seventy-five years of Royal Arch Masonry in the State of Washington. On June 5th, 1884, fourteen representatives of the three Royal Arch Chapters, namely Walla Walla, Spokane and Seattle met at Spokane Falls, now known as Spokane, to petition and form the first Grand Chapter of the state.

"On October 2, 1884, the first Grand Convocation was held at Walla Walla and now on our seventy-fifth Convocation we are meeting in the same place. In the Constitution adopted at the frist Convocation, one article states, 'fees shall be fifty dollars for the Royal Arch Degrees'. Please compare the economic times of our country then as to the present.

"I am going to quote a short section of Most Excellent Companion Ziegler's address to this first Convocation: 'Then my Companions, one and all, let us try to make our first Grand Chapter what we fondly hope for our commonwealth, a power for the good, an influence for the right and just. Let us try and make Freemasonry what it should be, the watch word of civilization and the protector of the innocent and true. Let us Masonically keep pace with the growth and prosperity of our country and let the business of this Convocation, and of each one be conducted with all possible care, laying aside all selfish motives and holding to time honored principles. Guarding against under-mining influences, especially the confounding it with associations of modern growth, however good they may be, whose organic laws are borrowed from us and

changed to suit the masses of speculators which, with their mutual benefit clauses they succeed in swelling their ranks to over flowing. In time they will have lived to claim antiquity or have perished with the many that once existed and seemed to have lasting foundations. Yet for all that, Freemasonry, with its purity and freedom, lives on and will continue to live until time shall be no more.' He speaks at great length of the gambling and drinking in our frontier cities, and to oust them from our ranks, as well as to be ever on guard for the so called 'Black Leg' Mason.

"Do you know that the keystone which holds the arch in the Masonic Temple at Yakima, came in a rough state from Jerusalem, and was fashioned by a member of Yakima Chapter? At the dedication of Yakima Masonic Temple on September 27, 1911, there were over one thousand Masons present. Another outstanding event was held on May 22, 1903, when the Tacoma Masonic Temple was dedicated. Brother Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, made the dedication address and laid the cornerstone."

[There are many other interesting facts relative to the past history of this Grand Chapter of Washington which I sincerely regret that space will not permit me to note here. Congratulations to Grand Historian Charles Cummings for an excellent Historical report.]

E. Comp. Leroy Newcomer, Grand Orator, gave a stirring oration on our moral and spiritual obligations. [Again I regret the limitations of space, for I should like to quote many passages from this inspiring oration.]

Here are a few of the challenging statements:

"We have inherited all those benefits that have come down to us through the ages and that heritage is not the outgrowth of any one mind, but represents the cumulative efforts which are the results of many, many unsung heroes. But Companions, because of the lack of principles, the corruption, the growing delinquency among the younger generation, and the loose living, may we look into our lives and see the reflection of our souls as to whether or not we have adhered to our ancient heritage, practiced and promoted the principles of Free Masonry, led a good Christian life, or whether 'Thou art weighed in the balance and art found wanting'.

"It is our spiritual obligation to the Fraternity as Royal Arch Masons to teach the lessons inculcated in our degree work, so that the candidates may be taught to emerge from darkness to light, that they may realize that, 'In Him is life and the life is the light of men'.

"It is our spiritual obligation to the Fraternity to give our candidates a better understanding of the Word, that they may know that 'In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God'.

"We, the officers and members of this Grand Chapter, ever mindful of that course which our forefathers have set forth and of that heritage which we are admonished to protect, should always bear in mind the wonderful philosophy of that great statesman and orator, Daniel Webster, when he said, and I quote:

> 'If we work upon marble it will perish,
> If we work upon brass time will efface it,
> If we rear temples they will crumble into dust,
> But if we work upon mortal souls,
> If we imbue them with principles,
> With a just fear of God and love for his fellowman,
> We will engrave upon these tablets something
> That will brighten all eternity'."

West Virginia—1958

The 88th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia was held on October 13-14, 1958, at Huntington.

Chapters, 47; Membership, 10,798; Net Increase, 5.

M. E. Comp. Okey S. Sheets, Grand High Priest

R. E. Comp. Nelson S. Orkney, Grand Secretary

Many Distinguished Visitors were present along with 11 Past Grand High Priests. They were received and welcomed.

Report of the Grand High Priest:

"During the year I have travelled more than 5,000 miles visiting Chapters throughout the state and another 8,000 miles with Grand Master Roberts, and attended 119 meetings all in W. Virginia. During the year I addressed the Brethren in 29 different lodges on the subject of the necessity and importance of the Capitular and Cryptic Degrees to the Ancient Craft Mason. Out of these meetings we procured 37 petitions for Royal Arch Masonry.

"I made no visits out of the state. My record of achievements is not what I would like it to be, but I have done my best.

"During the year we lost 233 Royal Arch Masons of the Grand Jurisdictions through death. We extend our sympathy to their families.

"The annual returns of the subordinate chapters show that 23 chapters have made a gain during the year, 23 chapters have a loss and one chapter had no gain or loss. Admiral Chapter No. 50 is the only chapter in the state to show an increase of 10% or more."

[The Grand High Priest in his address gave a clear, concise exposition of the meaning and significance of all the York Rite Degrees beginning with the three degrees of the Symbolic lodge and continuing through the Capitular degrees, the Council degrees and the three Commandery degrees. This is a convincing setting forth of the progress of Freemasonry and should be known and understood by all Blue Lodge Freemasons.]

"These Degrees taken as a whole tell a complete and cohesive Masonic story and those in addition to the Craft Degrees are essential to a complete understanding of the essential Masonic lesson taught in the Master Mason and the Royal Arch."

The **Grand Secretary** reported that 375 were exalted, 72 admitted and 27 restored, two hundred and thirty-three died during the year, 49 demitted and 182 were suspended. One member was expelled. The suspensions were excessive. One chapter attained a net increase of 10% or more and was entitled to the General Grand Chapter certificate.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand, September 30, 1958, of $12,609.29 and total assets of $29,483.29.

Election of Officers:

M. E. Comp. C. Lee Hamemrsla—Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Nelson S. Orkney—Grand Secretary.

West Virginia—1959

89th Annual Convocation held at Wheeling, October 12 and 13, 1959.

Chapters 47. Membership 10,772. Net loss 26.

Most Ex. Grand High Priest—C. Lee Hammersia.

Rt. Ex. Grand Secretary—Nelson S. Orkney.

Distinguished visitors from this and other Grand Jurisdictions were introduced and received.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests were present and received in due form.

All the Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions were found to be present.

Six pages of Visitations listed attest to the very busy and active year spent by the Grand High Priest.

In his **Address** the Grand High Priest, speaking of the condition of

the Craft, said: "Peace and harmony continues to prevail throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. The total membership stands at 10,772, showing a net loss of 26 for the year. The Annual Returns show that 19 Chapters have made a gain during the year, while 24 Chapters show a loss. We have experienced a loss by death of 244.

Attendance: The highest percentage of attendance at stated Convocations, based on total membership, was Davis No. 20, membership 40, percentage 30; while the lowest percentage of 2.1 based on membership of 580.

Ritualistic Work: Four Chapters excellent, 17 listed good, 17 fair and two Chapters unsatisfactory.

In spite of many losses, three Chapters had 10 per cent or more increase: Beverly Chapter 10.5 per cent, Upschar with 11.2 per cent, Moundsville with 17.5 per cent.

The **Grand Secretary reported** disbursements of $8,604.18, leaving a balance on hand of $13,930.11; receipts of $22,534.29.

The **Report** of the **Grand Treasurer** confirms the financial figures as reported by the Grand Secretary and a net worth of $31,213.11.

The **Grand Lecturer** reports: "All of the Chapters in the various Districts were visited and inspected by the District Deputy Grand Lecturers and Inspectors. . . Although the Grand Chapter returns show an overall net loss in membership, a substantial portion of this result may be from lack of interest by Chapters. It may also be well attributed to the general economic conditions of the country, for the various other branches of Masonry seem to be experiencing the same thing . . . the amounts for dues charged range from $1.00 to $5.00. This might indicate a need for some of our Chapters to re-evaluate their financial structure."

Election of Officers elected to serve 1959-1960—William J. Burrus, Jr., Most Ex. Grand High Priest; Nelson S. Orkney, Rt. Ex. Grand Secretary.

Various committee gave interesting reports which lack of space prevents me from quoting to any great extent. The Committee of Fraternal Correspondence reports: "We respectfully report that no matters have been referred to us for action at this Convocation."

Installation of Grand Officers: The Grand Officers who were elected were installed into their respective offices.

M.E. Comp. Burrus addrssed Grand Chapter in an appropriate manner, expressing appreciation for the honour conferred upon him.

Closed in ample form at 3.30 p.m. to convene in Charleston October 10, 1960.

Wyoming

The 50th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming was held on September 8, 1958, at Wheatland.

Chapters 21 (17 present). Membership 3,179. Net gain 46.

M.E. Carl M. Morck, Jr., Grand High Priest.

Nels P. Nelson, Acting Grand Secretary.

A roll call of Grand Officers revealed all Grand Officers present. The distinguished visitors were received and welcomed; and the Grand Representatives were welcomed and each was asked to convey to the Grand Chapter he represented the best wishes of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests were present.

Report of Grand High Priest.

"I wish to extend fraternal greetings to our distinguished visitors and guests who have honoured us with their presence.

I have been unable to visit every Chapter during the year due to conditions beyond my control.

"In our Grand Jurisdiction we have suffered a great loss in the death of our Grand Secretary Edward J. Treglown. The Grim Reaper has taken from our ranks a man of character and a real Mason. In our Grand Jurisdiction many of our Companions have been called to higher service. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

"Capitular Masonry in the State of Wyoming is going forward. The attendance was very good at all Chapters and the degree work was done in a creditable manner.

It has been a year of pleasure to me serving as your Grand High Priest."

The **Grand Secretary** reported: Exalted 152, affiliated 5, died 54, demitted 16; net gain 46; reinstated 6; suspended 47 N.P.D.

The **Grand Treasurer** reported total receipts of $8,476.27.

Celebration of the 50th Annual Convocation.

A **Brochure** had been prepared by the Committee in the nature of a program of the **50th Annual Convocation.** It contained a picture of the stagecoach as well as the style of dress of our ladies of yesteryear. Inside were pictures of our M.E. Grand High Priest, Carl M. Morck, Jr., Mark H. Bundy, Deputy Grand High Priest, and Adrian J. Parshall, first M.E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming. It also contained an interesting short history of the past 50 years.

Companion Carl S. Gilbert stated that only three Chapters were represented at the first Annual Convocation held in Cheyenne on July 9, 1909, which was a legal number at that time; also that the Chapters forming the Grand Chapter of Wyoming had only 747 members and that those same Chapters today had 1,934 members.

Election of Officers—Mark H. Bundy, Grand High Priest; Frederick Sims, Grand Secretary.

Message From the Grand Master of Canada in the Province of Ontario

(The following paragraph was taken from the New Year's Message of Most Worshipful Brother C. MacL. Pitts as it appeared in The Bulletin January, 1960. The Past Grand First Principal of R.A. Masons, Canada, expresses succinctly, as he always does, the situation which today causes concern to many Royal Arch Masons throughout the world. This Reviewer is of the opinion that we all may draw some comfort from regarding this situation in its proper perspective as set forth in the paragraph below.)

"Freemasonry, in its labours to diffuse a spirit of brotherhood among men, and to benefit those areas in which it is practised, has continued to advance in many jurisdictions, but with somewhat less acceleration than has been enjoyed in recent years. The enduring struggle for the loyalty and devotion of men's minds to the high principles of right-living and just-dealing between men, in this present day's selfish race for comfort, security, position and self-gratification in social prestige, has had its influence on the influx of candidates for the fraternity. Masonry does not compete by high pressure advertising to tell of the advantages of our time-honoured Craft, nor by soliciting any to join our ranks. We are all "volunteers" who, once received, approved and enrolled, should set an example by our living and conduct in all the affairs of life—whether domestic, civil or national—such as will draw others into our fellowship to share our high privileges of association and service."

*A SCRIBE EZRA UNBURDENS HIS SOUL

(Or why some Chapters are lost)

Our Chapter membership (beginning of year 1959)	206
Non-resident members	28
Number left to do the work	178
Elderly Companions who did their work in the past and can rarely attend	31
Number left to do the work	147
Sick and shut-ins (on the average)	24
Number left to do the work	123
Those who have passed through the Chairs and have, somehow, lost interest	19
Number left to do the work	104
Our Chapter meets on Friday nights. Those who stay home to view the fights	31
Number left to do the work	73
Those suspended for N.P.D. (Their services lost for eternity)	25
Number left to do the work	48
Those who joined for curiosity (Come out on Big Special Occasion only)	23
Number left to do the work	25
Those who come mainly for the "Fourth Degree," who relax and snooze when there's work to see	16
The number left is only NINE	9

(And sometimes I think that I'll resign.)

*[An allegory based upon a measure of truth.]

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